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EEC leaders close to compromise on voice or Britain at oil talks

Heads of government last night neared close to settling the dis- over Britain's demand for a rate seat at the world energy erence in Paris, due to begin on ember 16. After an acrimonious ate at the Rome summit, a com- mise began to take shape, under which Britain would accept collective EEC representation at the conference. In return it would have the right to speak separately on matters of particular national interest. Reconciliation was helped by France, which was reported to have made concessions on its refusal to accept a minimum price for oil.

Mr Wilson in heated argument

Michael Hornsby

BEDROCK, Dec 2.

ong language was ex- ted here today between Mr in and Herr Helmut idt, the West German cellor, as EEC heads of nment appeared to be g towards a compromise ion to Britain's demands separate seat—apart from est of the Community—at forthcoming energy con- ice in Paris.

e Prime Minister told the ing that future British ership of Opec (Organiza- of Petroleum Exporting ries) should no longer be ded as a joke. He said was a strong possibility Britain would join Opec n three years, and this create a conflict of in- between Britain and the f the EEC.

s provoked a character- lly hard-hitting reply Herr Schmidt, who re- ed Mr Wilson that Britain not yet a major oil ıcer and still needed the ance of its partners. any was rich enough and g enough to survive with- he EEC if necessary, but in was not.

ilure to agree on a ion position at Paris would dramatically negative equences for the future of EEC, the Chancellor ured. At one point the sphere became so charged heads of government dis- ed their foreign ministers continued their discussions

evening it was still not exactly what form a com- promise on British demands might take. According to informed sources, it seemed likely to entail endorsement by the Nine of the principle of collective representation at the Paris conference, but with provision for individual members to speak separately on matters of special national interest.

According to these sources, the French made concessions on British demands for Community backing for a minimum floor price for oil, and this had made it easier for Mr Wilson to accept collective representation. It appeared, however, that the Prime Minister would in return have to recognize the right of Community access to North Sea oil.

There was still serious dispute, however, over the level of representation at which member countries could present their own case. There was also the question of whether this right should be restricted to the discussions of the specialist commissions to be set up by the Paris conference or permitted at the conference itself.

For Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, it is of crucial importance that they should be able to take home an agreement that does not lay them open to the accusation of having surrendered unconditionally to pressure from their EEC partners. At the same time, they are anxious to amend Britain's image as Europe's permanent odd man out.

On other matters heads of government were able to make satisfactory progress. It was agreed that the first direct elections to the European Parliament should be held in May, 1978, with Britain and Denmark being allowed to decide their own dates. Mr Wilson's statement of commitment in principle to direct elections was well received.

Heads of government also agreed to introduce a European passport from January 1, 1978. Final details of the form of the passport, which will be inscribed with the names both of the European Community and of the holder's own country, are to be worked out at official level.

Our Political Staff writes:

Two Labour MPs today publish a statement challenging the Government's view that eventual direct elections of MPs to the European Parliament are an obligation under the Treaty of Rome.

Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test) and Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South) argue that Article 138 of the treaty does not commit member states to accept the Council of Ministers' recommendations on the issue. Under Article 189 a recommendation was not binding.

Replying to a letter from Mr Spearing, Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, stated that he could see no grounds for dissenting from the judgment of his legal advisers that Article 138(3) "constitutes a commitment to the ultimate objectives of direct elections".

But Mr Callaghan added: "As to the legal effect of any recommendation the council may make, I agree with you that, in and of itself, it can have no binding force."

Bernard Levin, page 16

Hooligans, vandalism, theft make new town disaster area

From Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Liverpool

A police report, unprecedented of its kind, on Kirkby new town, Merseyside, calls for a massive injection of capital to help to alleviate what is clearly an economic and social disaster area with an appalling crime record.

Despite valiant self-help by public spirited residents, the provision of sporting and recreational facilities and good schools it is dismally plain from reading evidence in the report that Kirkby is the victim of planning errors compounded by government neglect.

The 400-page report was prepared by Chief Supt Norman Chapple, of Merseyside police, after Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, has asked in September, 1974, whether Kirkby "could do with more intensive policing".

The report quotes an article in *The Times* in July, 1974, as saying: "When senior officers begin thinking how to police other new towns the awful spectre of Kirkby rises to greet them."

Although Mr Chapple maintains that such articles are one-sided, he admits that most have been soundly based. He says the "new town", although little more than 20 years old, and thankfully free of difficulties relating to drugs, race and religion, possesses in abundance all the other big social evils associated with the inner slum areas of the world's largest cities.

The report calls for government action to provide jobs, as unemployment in recent years has been consistently more than three times as high as the national average. A quarter of the male work force are unemployed.

Mr Chapple says adequate funds are urgently needed unless there is to be a further deterioration in housing, but the Government has failed to support the local council's £86m rehabilitation plan.

Serious consideration should be given to the council employing full-time anti-vandal patrols. He also recommends the setting up of neighbourhood councils, on a very local basis, to encourage a sense of identity and foster people's pride in their immediate environment.

There is a strong argument, he says, for recognizing Kirkby as a special case for employing many more policemen.

The report says an exceptional combination of serious social difficulties and large-scale dependence upon social security benefits, together with inner-city traditions of anti-authoritarianism, has caused many inhabitants to accept criminal activity as "normal" conduct. It is not surprising, therefore, that an abnormally high proportion of Kirkby residents appear in police records.

There is a ready market in the town for stolen property and it is common for even quite large items of stolen property to be hawked from door to door, advertised in shop windows, or sold in the street, particularly outside public houses.

There is ample evidence that many parents are prepared to accept in their homes property stolen by their children—with no questions asked. In one case the timing device from a street lamp standard was found in

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Unanimous: Nine members of the Politburo in full agreement during voting at yesterday's session of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) in Moscow. From the front, and left to right, Mr Mikhail Suslov, President Nikolai Podgorny, Mr Leonid Brezhnev, party leader, Mr Kiril Mazurov, Mr Fedor Kulakov, Mr Dmitry Polyansky, Mr Boris Ponomaryov, Mr Yury Andropov, and Mr Andrei Gromyko. Report page 8.

Ulster killings go on but both sides say that ceasefire stays

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

As the killing in Northern Ireland continued unabated yesterday government and Provisional IRA sources vigorously rejected suggestions that the latest wave of violence in the province and on the English mainland signified a definitive end to the ceasefire which began on February 10.

The Provisional IRA is known to have been responsible for Monday night's bombings in Belfast in which two IRA members were killed and more than £1m damage was caused to the Europa hotel. But both sides continue to maintain that some form of ceasefire still exists.

Yesterday morning two Protestant businessmen were shot dead in a crowded cafe in the centre of Londonderry while more than fifty customers looked on. The gunmen escaped through the back door. The killings bring the death toll in Ulster during the past 11 days to 15.

Yesterday's double murder took place in the Dolphin Restaurant. Two executives from a local timber firm, Mr Charles McNaul, aged 55, and Mr Alexander Mitchell, aged 46, were sitting together drinking coffee. The two men burst in brandishing pistols, singled out the men at their table, and shot both several times in the back.

Neither victims had any connexion with the Army or police. Responsibility for the killing was quickly denied by the local brigade of the Provisional IRA.

The killings shocked residents of Londonderry, which for most of this year has avoided the worst excesses of sectarian warfare. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, Dr Daly, described it as "one of the most savage and cold-blooded atrocities" in the city since "Bloody Sunday".

He urged the local Catholic population, which predominates in the city, to cooperate fully with the Royal Ulster Constabulary in tracking down the killers.

"I know and appreciate and even share some of the reservations that many of the Catholic community here in Derry have about the police", he said. "However, on this occasion, of a most serious threat to the very basis of our community. I would appeal to every one in this city to cooperate

The renewed increase in Provisional IRA violence is expected to continue at about its present level, but if the ceasefire breaks down there is likely to be a show of strength on a scale not yet seen this year.

The Government insists that the bombings and shootings are primarily intended to prevent Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, from ending detention, but senior members of the Provisional republican movement maintain that the main aim remains to force Britain to make a public declaration of her intent to withdraw from Northern Ireland.

Mrs Maire Drumm, vice-president of Provisional Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said last night: "If the British Government emphatically said: 'We will never get out', with the emphasis on 'never', then I could see no alternative but for the republican forces to start fighting again."

A serious political clash is likely after the disclosure that one of the two Provisionals killed during an unsuccessful bombing mission in Belfast on Monday night was a former detainee who had been released from the Maze prison at Long Kesh.

He was named by the Provisional Sinn Fein as Mr Paul Fox, aged 20, who at the time of his death was on bail on an explosives charge. The girl killed with him in the car taking a bomb to be planted at an unknown city target was Miss Laura Crawford, aged 25.

The disclosure that Mr Fox was released from detention comes at a time when Mr Rees's policy of setting free all remaining republican detainees is coming under increasingly heavy criticism. It is a point that will be seized on by both "loyalists" in Northern Ireland and the Conservative Opposition at Westminster, both of whom regard the policy as appeasement of the Provisional IRA.

Opposition "alarm": The Opposition was gravely alarmed about the Government's security policy in Northern Ireland, Mr Airey Neave, shadow spokesman on Ulster affairs, said yesterday (our Political Staff writes).

Mr Neave said the Government's security policy seemed to be leading to an increase of violence throughout the United Kingdom. "The ceasefire has been dead for a long time", he said.

Mr Neave said Mr Rees's release policy had produced no change in IRA objectives or methods. "He has a duty to the community to admit that, like the official talks with the Provisional Sinn Fein, it has been a dangerous failure."

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Chinese try to change Ford policy on Russia

From David Bonavia
Peking, Dec 2

Talks which Chairman Mao Tse-tung had today with President Ford are represented officially as "significant and earnest discussions" rather than the friendly chat which the aging Chinese leader normally has with foreign statesmen.

In contrast with the normal style of interviews granted by Chairman Mao today's session is represented almost as negotiations. A statement by the official Chinese news agency says Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, "took part" in the discussions, as did Mr George Bush, head of the American Liaison Office in Peking, General Brent Scowcroft, Chairman of the National Security Council, and Mr Winston Lord, Dr Kissinger's special assistant.

On the Chinese side, the main participants were listed as Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, and Mr Li Hsien-nien, both Deputy Prime Ministers, Mr Chiao Kuan-hua, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Huang Chen, the Chinese envoy to Washington.

Observers see this special treatment as a vigorous attempt by the Chinese leaders to change America's policy on détente with Russia.

A presidential spokesman said before the talks opened that Mr Ford would make a "forceful presentation" of the American case. Delegation sources say that in view of the present threat to Mr Ford's position from the American right wing he cannot reasonably be expected to make concessions over Taiwan.

The personal coolness between Dr Kissinger and Mr Teng is now a matter of common knowledge. There is no reason why this coolness should be transferred to the person of Mr Ford, but neither is there any indication that the President can negotiate with the Chinese without Dr Kissinger's constant help and advice.

At last night's banquet in the Great Hall of the People Mr Ford evidently failed to establish any personal warmth which might have compensated for the growing ill-feeling between Dr Kissinger and Mr Teng.

The atmosphere at the banquet was cool and formal and the different approaches to the questions of détente and bilateral relations were clearly apparent from the speeches.

Attitudes expressed by sources close to Dr Kissinger indicate that he feels the Chinese are merely mouthing slogans over the need for wariness against Russian attempts to use détente as a means of weakening the West. The sources also say that Dr Kissinger has now only a relatively slight interest in the problems of the east Asian region and considers them definitely subordinate to his negotiations with the Soviet Union and his peace efforts in the Middle East. Such an attitude is certain to antagonize the Chinese.

The big question over these talks is whether the Chinese consider there is anything serious to be gained from them in view of the uncertain political future of both Mr Ford and Dr Kissinger. The latter is said to be very annoyed by the Chinese comparing him unofficially with the late Neville Chamberlain.

It seems that if Sino-American relations are to progress further in the next year or two they will have to be entrusted to someone other than Dr Kissinger, even if still under his general supervision.

A good opportunity is afforded by the chief of mission's post here falling vacant. All indications are that the choice of a successor to Mr Bush is still very much an open question, but the appointment of a really solid figure with whom the Chinese felt they could communicate on the political level would go some way to reducing the present friction.

The banter between President Ford and Mr Teng at the opening session of the talks today referred to the topic of smoking which is particularly widespread among Chinese men.

President Ford asked if he might smoke his pipe and Mr Teng said he understood that the best people were those who did not smoke at all. The second best were those who smoked pipes, and the worst were those who, like himself, smoked cigarettes.

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Train hijack gang throw out bodies

From Sue Masterman
The Hague, Dec 2

Police marksmen and anti-guerrilla troops were tonight surrounding a train in an isolated part of the north Dutch countryside where 50 passengers, forced into one carriage, were being held hostage by five gunmen, thought to be South Moluccan extremists.

The terrorists had hijacked the train, the 9.33 am from Groningen to Amsterdam, at a point just south of Beilen. After driving the passengers into one of the four coaches, they released two women and a child with a message containing their demands.

During the afternoon two bodies were flung out of the train, one that of the driver, who was injured when the train was hijacked, and the other that of a passenger who, it was thought, tried to escape.

The Dutch Government immediately opened the crisis control centre in The Hague, which was set up last year when Japanese terrorists held the French Ambassador and other hostages for five days in the French Embassy there.

A squad of 20 Marines and a team of snipers were flown in by helicopter as darkness closed in. The hijackers stuck newspapers over the carriage windows.

There are 30,000 South Moluccans living in Holland, a community made up of the original 12,000 South Moluccans repatriated from Indonesia when that country gained independence and their offspring since their arrival in 1952.

Born in Indonesia, these soldiers were loyal to the Dutch and at the time The Hague promised to return them eventually to their own island republic. Now both Indonesia and the Netherlands say that this promise cannot be honoured.

The South Moluccans will not accept this and have as a consequence refused, since their arrival, to integrate with the Dutch or take Dutch nationality.

Efforts to mediate by a number of people, including two South Moluccans, proved fruitless. The gunmen gave them lists of demands, including a bus to take them to Schiphol airport, and an aircraft for an unknown destination.

£86m order r BAC ɔm Iran

thur Reed
rrespondent

British Aircraft Corpora- s signed a contract worth to supply its Rapier anti- t missile system to Iran. by far the biggest mis- ntract ever signed by the aerospace industry and n in the face of intense ition from the United and France. The deal will e 1975 export record for itish aerospace industry ve the £631m registered ar.

announcement came on that the Bill to national- industry, including the Aircraft Corporation, ing debated on second in the Commons.

had already bought the but the new contract is advanced version carried ked vehicles, which will plied by the FMC Cor- n of San Jose, California. ls were kept confiden- erday at Iran's request, is accepted in London e number of missiles to plied runs into hundreds t £11,000 a time. Much r manufacture will be out in Iran.

advanced guidance ism will be made by nd will provide full nent at its factories at ge, Hertfordshire and near Bristol, for years

. R. Jefferson, chairman naging director, BAC weapons division, said: re delighted by this expression of Iran's ice in us and our

order will take total gained by BAC for the system to more than Other customers include tish Army, the RAF it, the Australian Army, ence forces in the Per- ulf area and in an sed African country.

can shoot down low- et aircraft travelling at peeds, and Iran has t mounted on a tracked largely for the defence ld armies. BAC selected C Corporation vehicle it is in service, has a ecord, and is readily

system can be trans- in a cargo aircraft of Hercules type and can action within 30 seconds. t missiles can be re- n less than five minutes. talion equipped with Rapiers would have t cross-country mobility. noured launcher, con- he crew cab from which g is initiated, has a low making it difficult for y to spot.

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Mr Foot's attack on 'The Times'

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, told the Commons yesterday that there had been a grotesque misrepresentation of what he had written in a letter about six electricity supply workers who lost their jobs as a result of a closed-shop agreement at Ferrybridge power station.

A leading article in *The Times* yesterday was based, he said, on wrenching one single sentence out of a letter, most of which the paper did not print.

"On that basis they called me a fascist", Mr Foot said. "I can only return the compliment by saying that that shows the discrimination and taste of Dr Goebbels."

Mr Foot also criticized Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP for Waltham Forest, Chingford, who originally described him as a fascist, on the same score. He said he thought Mr Tebbit would not have spread misrepresentations had he read the whole letter he had sent to Mr Paul Nicholson, general secretary of the Confederation of Employee Organizations.

Criticism from Conservative MPs had been based on Mr Foot's statement in the letter: "A person who declines to fall in with new conditions of employment which result from a collective agreement may well be considered to have brought about his dismissal. The consequences of his refusal in terms both of loss of his job and of his possible ineligibility for unemployment benefit must be taken into account by the individual when he decides not to accept his revised conditions of employment."

Mr Tebbit asked in the House: "Would Mr Foot regard a man belonging to the wrong trade union as being unsuited to employment, and would he not agree that in giving nods and winks to the tribunal hearing the case of the Ferrybridge six, he was behaving in a grossly improper way?"

Mr Foot: "I repudiate all the suggestions that Mr Tebbit has made. The only excuse that can be made for his utterance now, and before, is that he was presumably basing himself on the single sentence or two of my letter which had been circulated by Mr Nicholson. . . . If he had read the whole letter, which has not been published to my knowledge by a single newspaper in this country, he would not have spread such misrepresentations."

The Times leading article came into the debate after Mr Ian Gow, Conservative MP for Eastbourne, had asked a question about the operation of the closed shop now in force for employees of the British Railways Board. Mr Foot said the operation of the closed-shop agreement between the BRB and the railway unions was a matter for the parties concerned. Mr Gow then wanted confirmation that any present employee of British Rail who was dismissed for refusing to

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Mr Wilson asks consultants' leaders to No 10

The Prime Minister is to meet consultants' leaders today as the junior hospital doctors' and consultants' separate disputes with the Government worsened. The Confederation of Health Service Employees yesterday asked Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, to declare a state of emergency in the health service because of the disputes

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McWhirter killer

Scotland Yard said last night that the man who murdered Mr Ross McWhirter at his home in London last week is believed to use the name Michael Wilson. It issued a Photofit picture of the man and an artist's drawing prepared in February at the time a policeman was murdered in London.

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Martell goes public

Martell, the largest cognac producer, is to become the first cognac house to go public,

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Picasso self-portrait: Christie's yesterday sold the above masterpiece, painted when the artist was a struggling student in Paris, for £283,500, almost double the price it fetched five years ago

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75 die in Israel raids on Palestinian camps

At least 75 people were killed and 120 injured when Israel jets attacked three Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon yesterday. The raids, which Israel said were against guerrilla bases, came one day after the United Nations resolution on the Middle East that has infuriated leaders in Jerusalem

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Britain's reserves fall to 4-year low

Britain's monetary reserves dropped $107m (£53m) in November to their lowest level for four years. The pound, which fell ahead of the announcement, rallied, however, to close almost unchanged

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HOME NEWS

Mr Wilson agrees to see consultants' leaders as union calls for state of emergency

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

The Prime Minister agreed *last night to see consultants'* leaders today, presumably to discuss the action many have taken in protest against the *Government's plans to separate* private practice from the *National Health Service.*

Last week the Prime Minister *agreed to a request from Sir* Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons and chairman of the conference of royal colleges and faculties of medicine, to see him about the grave effects of the doctors' dispute.

Until last night Sir Rodney *was going alone. Then an* announcement from 10 Downing Street said that the British Medical Association and consultants' leaders also had been invited to the talks.

The invitation was accepted by the BMA. Junior doctors' leaders were not mentioned in the invitation.

Those who will attend the meeting are expected to be Dr *Derek Stevenson, BMA secre*tary; Mr Walpole Lewin, chairman, BMA council; Mr Anthony Grabham, chairman of the Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services; Mr Norman Simmons and Mr J. Rickards, *of the Hospital Consultants' and* Specialists' Association; Mr David Bolt, of the BMA; and Mr J. Allen, of the British Dental Association.

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, was asked yesterday by Mr Albert Spanswick, general secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Employees (Cohse), to declare a state of emergency in the *health service.*

He said his message was that *no consultant or group of con*sultants could be allowed to challenge the rule of law. Resources made scarce by the junior and senior doctors' disputes must be allocated to the benefit of health service patients who, he believed, were being neglected.

Mr Nicholas Grant, the union's spokesman, said it wanted Mrs Castle to issue clear guidance that *resources must* be equally available to all patients.

The union had been in difficulty, he said, because members of a branch in southern England had wanted to take *industrial action over a con*sultant who was refusing to treat health service patients but was continuing to carry out routine operations on private patients.

The Department of Health *and Social Security said last* night that it had received no complaints from patients, although last Friday Mrs Castle asked the regions to report any

Doctors' action strains casualty services

By a Staff Reporter

There was a further intensi*fication of industrial action by* both junior hospital doctors and consultants yesterday as part of their separate disputes with the Government.

The Department of Health and Social Security said the *action of the doctors and con*sultants was causing an increasing strain on emergency and casualty sections of hospitals in many parts of the country.

The worst affected area, the department said, was north*west England, with particular* difficulties in Oldham and Bury. There has also been considerable deterioration in London and the Wessex Region of the National Health Service.

The chief difficulty in handling emergency cases is the "now widespread practice" of *junior doctors of working* a strict 9 am to 5 pm working day, the department says.

Some junior doctors, however, have organized flexible 40-hour weeks so that in some hospitals there is cover in casualty units when it is most *needed.*

Scarcely a hospital is unaffected by the disputes in some way, directly or indirectly. Hospitals that are continuing to accept emergency cases throughout the day and night *are also having to receive* emergencies rejected by hospitals near by.

An example of what one health official called the "domino effect" was given yesterday by the South West *Thames Regional Health Autho*rity: St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey will not take emergencies today or on Friday. The nearest hospitals, at Guildford, Frimley Park and Ashford, will not be able to accept St *Peter's cases because they are* fully occupied.

The position in the hospitals might change suddenly depending on the outcome of the many meetings of consultants that are taking place. If they decide to widen their industrial action resulting from the doctors' industrial action.

But the Patients' Association has received information that much suffering and pain are being caused. Mrs Jean Robinson, chairman of the association, said women awaiting treatment for *gynaecological condi*tions, the handicapped, perhaps waiting for a hip operation, and the elderly were suffering particularly.

One woman waiting for a hysterectomy was the sole support of an elderly mother and was in so much discomfort that she thought she might lose her job.

The doctors' dispute had *aroused anxiety about getting* treatment. Many old people who ought to have treatment to help them to keep their independence were having to wait, and their rehabilitation would now be much more difficult.

In a letter to Dr Elinor Kapp, chairman of the Junior Hospital Doctors' Association, which claims to represent about five thousand junior doctors, Mrs Castle made plain yesterday *that the meeting between the* association and her officials today was in no sense a negotiating meeting. Agreement to the meeting reflected her willingness to listen to all shades of opinion among junior doctors.

The association *will make its* case to the officials that between £20m and £24m, not £12m as the department has said, was paid in extra duty *allowance to junior doctors last* year. If that was so there would be more than enough money to meet the new pricing of the juniors' contract.

Hospital juniors head the list on long working hours

By Peter Scott

Junior hospital doctors work much longer than any other comparable group in public service, even if the time they spend at home on call but not working is discounted.

A survey of the hours worked by other groups of employees in government and the nationalized industries bears out the conclusion of the Review Body on Doctors' Pay in its recent report that "although many *professional people work for* very long hours, the extent to which junior hospital doctors are called upon to do so is unusual".

The report disclosed that junior doctors work on average for 85.6 hours a week, 43.2 on normal duty, and 42.4 on standby or on call. About 40 per *cent of the 42.4 hours is spent* on stand-by at the hospital and *the remaining* 60 per cent on call at home.

Even if the time spent at home is discounted, junior hospital doctors still spend on average more than 60 hours a week in hospital. The lowest *grade, house officers, are work*ing or on stand-by in hospital for an average of 65 hours a week, while the rank below consultant, senior registrars, spend about 53 hours a week in hospital.

Junior hospital doctors specializing in general pathology *work on average for only 17.2* hours a week in addition to their normal duties, but those specializing in thoracic surgery are on stand-by or on call for more than 60 hours a week. In contrast, nurses work little more than their basic 40 hour *week on average.*

Primary school teachers come closest to challenging the junior hospital doctors on long hours of work. A survey by the National Foundation for Educational Research published in *1971 found that they worked for* 41¼ hours in an average week. However, if the lunch *period* and the 2½ hours spent daily on school work after school hours are included, the total rises to 66¼ hours.

The foundation has completed a similar survey of secon*dary school teachers to be* published next year. It is unlikely to disclose a significantly different pattern.

In theory, policemen work a 40-hour week, but in practice nearly every police force operates on the basis of a compulsory 42-hour week. In the Metropolitan Police area it is a *compulsory 44-hour week and* policemen also work voluntary overtime. The Police Federation estimated that on average overtime came to four or five hours a week, although it was higher in London and other large areas.

Railwaymen, in theory, also *work a 40-hour week. In prac*tice, regular weekend working is part of the job. According to British Rail, drivers work on average just over 44 hours a week and guards 50 hours, although the National Union of *Railwaymen puts the figures a* little higher.

Postmen have a basic 43-hour week including breaks, but work, on average, for 52 hours. Telephone operators work a 41-hour week, also including breaks, with an average of about two hours' overtime.

Divisions in Cabinet on economic plans

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

With Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, firmly resisting all calls to reflate the economy while insisting that *strict controls on incomes must* continue after the end of the *present wage round, and Mr* Foot calling for "far-reaching measures" to bring down unemployment, it became clear in the Commons yesterday that *there are wide differences of* opinion among senior Cabinet ministers on the way ahead.

Mr Healey, who was answering Prime Minister's questions in the absence from Westminster of Mr Wilson, Mr Short, *Mr Callaghan and Mr Jenkins,* told MPs that it would be a great mistake to win one battle and then to lose the war.

Therefore, he went on, to groans from left-wing MPs, it would be necessary to continue *the incomes policy after the* end of the present wage round. The Government would be discussing the issue with both sides of industry early next year and he was confident that agreement would be reached on an adequate policy in good time before the next round began.

But only a few minutes earlier, during questions to the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Foot was stoutly declaring that the measures so far announced by the Government to deal with soaring unemployment were inadequate. Indeed, it was clear that he also viewed as unsatisfactory the *measures that Mr Healey an*nounced were being prepared when he wound up the debate on the Queen's Speech.

"Something can be done, but only something, by the kind of measures the Government an*nounced in September and fur*ther measures of that character", Mr Foot said. "I fully agree with those Labour MPs who insist that much more far-reaching measures than that will be required to deal with the full unemployment problem."

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Firm accused after the death of two divers

The company conducting the operation in which two divers died near Orkney in July had virtually no experience of working under water, one of its managers said at Kirkwall Sheriff Court yesterday. Wal*ton Mole* (Great Britain), of Middlesbrough, made its name *by the invention of a device to* coat and clean brewery pipes, *Mr Maurice Pitts,* an area manager, said.

The divers had been told to develop a method of doing this operation under water, he said. They were still preparing the *equipment and work had not* yet started on the oil pipeline *when the accident happened.*

The divers, Mr Peter Carson, aged 20, of *Bearsden, Strath*clyde, and Mr Peter Walsh, aged 25, of Burnley, *Lancashire,* died off the island of Flotta in Scapa Flow while working on a submarine pipeline for the Occidental Oil Company.

Walton Mole is accused under the Health and Safety at Work Act. It denies failing to conduct a diving operation *safely. This* is the first action against a North Sea oil company under the terms of the new Act.

Mr Pitts said it was originally planned to coat the pipeline while it was still on a barge but that would have been too costly. It was decided to use *an airlock system to coat the* pipe under water. "But we were experiencing great difficulty."

The device used travelled down pipes to clean and paint them, like a mole. It had been developed as a means of cleaning pipes in breweries.

Mr Christopher Naden, a diving supervisor, said divers were *trying to free the outer gate* of a watertight chamber, which was sticking. Peter Walsh was sent down, and about six minutes before the end of his dive he reported by telephone that he had completed his mission.

Mr Naden *continued*: "We told him we were going to open *the outer gate and tried to see* whether we could get it to work. *Immediately* I did this I heard him say: 'Stop, hold everything' and the telephone went dead."

Mr Naden said another diver, Peter Carson, was sent down, followed by a third, Steve Winston. Mr Winston came back to the surface with his diving mask *missing and holding his air* bottle in his hands.

"*His speech* was very, very slurred, but the message was that Pete Carson had gone up the pipe", Mr Naden said. "I said 'I think you have got it wrong', and he said 'No, no'."

Mr Winston was put into a *decompression chamber* and passed out a written message.

Mr Naden continued: "It said that Peter Carson had been sucked up the pipeline and Peter Walsh was dead on the catcher (a metal device in front of the gate) with his mask off."

Mr Naden said it was his *opinion that Mr Walsh had been* in front of the gate to the chamber when it was opened instead of on top of it, contrary to orders.

Mr Winston said in evidence that he was in telephone contact *with Mr Walsh on the sea bed.* Mr Walsh was told that a gate in the chamber was being opened and to get into a position where he could see the operation.

"We were waiting to see if *it would open and the next* thing we heard was: 'Hold it, hold it, hold it' and the phone went dead", he added.

Asked if the equipment had gone faulty, Mr Winston said: "It was working perfectly. We *just heard a suction sort of* sound. It must have been ripped *off his face.*"

Mr Douglas Walton, of Gypsy Lane, Nunthorpe, near Middlesbrough, said that he was the designer of the equipment on which the divers were working. The only reason he could think of for a sudden inrush of water into the pipeline was that a 1,000ft air bubble which had built up inside the pipe had been depressurized by ride *movement.*

The hearing continues.

Overseas students cost £50m a year

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Overseas students at British universities are costing the country about £50m a year, according to an interim report published today.

*In the report a joint work*ing party of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and the University Grants Committee gives a warning against a steep increase in fees for more than 26,000 students from overseas *on full-time university courses.*

It might lead to retaliatory measures against British students being taken by foreign governments, and to a heavy reduction in overseas applicants.

Allowing for the new fees of £320 a year for overseas students (home students are charged an average of £141) the report estimates that the amount spent on providing university education for them is £50m, *excluding the service of* capital investment or the cost of equipment.

Although the scale of the The estimated subsidy for education of overseas students was at least a tenth of the universities' total recurrent grant.

The working party's interim *report says that charging much* higher fees to overseas students might affect the international reputation of British universities, but discrimination, based *on the fact that the overseas* students have not lived in *Britain for three years before* admission, is not unlawful.

The working party lists three possibilities. Higher fees for overseas students should be *combined with increased aid* programmes and reciprocal *arrangements with some other* countries.

Alternatively, fees should not rise but numbers should be limited to not more than a tenth of the student population; or a tariff quartor system should be introduced with limited numbers at present fees *and additional entrants at much* higher rates.

Kirkby, an area of economic and social disaster

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use on a mantelpiece as a makeshift clock.

Many crimes are committed openly without fear of inter*vention by onlookers. A till* was removed bodily from a shop in full view of customers; a television set was stolen from a public house during business hours.

Mr Chapple says that attitude is *symptomatic of the general* unwillingness of large sections *of the townspeople to get in*volved in actively preventing crime or assisting the police as witnesses.

"Fear of reprisals (by assault or damage to property) is the most common reason given for this attitude on the part of the community which, in itself, *represents one of the most dis*couraging features of the Kirkby policeman's daily work."

Crime and other antisocial behaviour has become such a feature of everyday life in Kirkby that many incidents are *never reported to the police:* a tacit acceptance of the fact that the police have not the necessary manpower to cope.

In 1971 the proportion of the juvenile population of Kirkby arrested was two thirds greater than in London.

Mr Chapple estimates that *vandalism in 1974 probably cost* the citizens of Kirkby £375,250, which is more in keeping with towns and cities 10 times its size, according to other Home Office facts.

The whole atmosphere of the *town centre and the four com*munity centre shopping pre*cincts is marred by the fact that* most shops have either bricked up their windows or covered them with permanent and unsightly metal grilles, despite which graffiti abound.

Insurance companies have in some cases refused to insure certain shops or have charged *prohibitive premiums, thus driv*ing shopkeepers out of the town.

"Probably the most frightening aspect, however, is the general apathy which prevails in the town, so that conditions *of gross vandalism are now* accepted as the norm and in many cases little or no immediate attempt is made to repair, replace or clean damaged property", the report says.

About seven hundred dwellings, mainly flats in three-storey blocks of six, have been *completely vandalized and it is* estimated that it will cost more than £3.5m to renovate them.

Mr Chapple says hooliganism is as much a part of the Kirkby way of life as vandalism. At least twice during the town's *comparatively short history* large-scale disorders involving upwards of two hundred young people have broken out, the last occasion being during the summer of 1974, when special police reinforcements of the dog and mounted sections had to be called in to restore order.

Local seaside resorts have grown used to the experience of weekend gangs of Kirkby youths going through fairgrounds, throwing bottles and knocking aside visitors.

When policemen are subject to insults and even the throwing of missiles they are invariably alone (or, at most, in the company of one other officer) which *means that they are frequently* powerless to take any effective action because of the sheer weight of numbers and opposition.

If in charge of a police car at the time, an officer is reluctant *to leave his vehicle to chase a* gang dispersing, for fear that the vehicle will be damaged in his absence. On at least one occasion a police vehicle has been overturned in such circumstances, and deliberate *scratches have become common*place.

Even if an offender is on his own at the time of apprehension the Kirkby policeman is faced with a likelihood that local people will form a hostile hand *with the sole intention of pre*venting the offender's arrest.

It has been known, for instance, for housewives in one big store to cause a large-scale disturbance when an officer has been attempting to arrest a juvenile shoplifter.

In 1974 a large body of local *residents "rescued" from a* lone policeman a prisoner who was being arrested at the end of a chase involving a stolen motor vehicle which had been deliberately driven at, and seriously injured, a police inspector.

Assaults on the police have *become the rule rather than the* exception and recently every member of one particular night shift was assaulted during the course of a single week.

Even though the town has difficulties experienced by no other community many urban areas share some of Kirkby's basic troubles. It is probably true to say, however, that no other British community of comparable size has all these socio-economic issues coexisting to such a high degree.

Mr Chapple summarizes them as: dissatisfaction with housing: an excessively high rate of *unemployment and some degree* of poverty; an unusually large proportion of children and continually high birth rate; marked lack of parental guidance and discipline; traditions of delinquency; strong *authoritarian attitudes.*

"Together, these have resulted in a demoralized *community* many members of which are imbued with a spirit of hopelessness and aimlessness."

Kirkby new town, Mr Chapple says, is in a state of crisis, much of the blame for which can be traced back twenty years or more to the occasion when the *House of Commons* upheld the opposition of Lancashire County *Council and rejected the* application of Liverpool to extend the city boundary to include new overspill housing development in Kirkby. "Whilst the inclusion of Kirkby within the city could not have prevented all of the town's present social problems it would have permitted the local politicians a voice in the city chamber."

A further serious handicap in the early days of the town's development was that it did not qualify as a statutory new town thus losing the benefit of substantial grants and subsidies which could have promoted *sooner a wide range* of necessary services and recreational amenities.

Eire extradition order on bomb suspect

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The ill-feeling between the British and Irish police caused by the recent release of Miss Margaret McKearney is expected to grow more serious after a decision taken yesterday at the district court in the small co Laois village of Portarlington.

After a request from Scotland Yard, the court agreed to issue an extradition order on a man wanted by English detectives for questioning in connexion with terrorist offences, including an explosion last year at the London home of Mr Heath.

Any satisfaction felt by the British at the news was diminished by the disclosure that the suspect, Mr Joseph Patrick Gilhooley, is to appeal against the order to the High Court in Dublin. His appeal will be lodged within the next 15 days, and should it prove unsuccessful it will be taken higher to the Supreme Court.

Since 1971 the RUC has applied for 49 extradition warrants in the Irish Republic and the British police have applied for one. None of the applications has succeeded.

Mr Gilhooley was represented by Mr Myles Sherlin, a Dublin lawyer who specializes in defending prominent members of the IRA. A Scotland Yard fingerprint expert flew from London, and said under oath that Mr Gilhooley's prints had been found on an explosive device which failed to detonate when it was planted at Aldershot railway station.

Although the Aldershot attack was the only offence mentioned in the extradition warrant it is understood that the British police would also like to interview Mr Gilhooley in connexion with the bomb at Mr Heath's home and the discovery of the explosives in Southampton last winter.

The vexed subject of extradition is one of the main threats to continuing good relations between the two governments, but apart from speeding the progress of the Criminal Law Bill the Irish Government feels it has little leeway for action.

Yesterday's case was one of the few extradition warrants ever to reach the Irish courts from Britain. In the past, as with the recent case of Miss McKearney, Scotland Yard has not bothered to open proceedings, believing that they would be nothing but costly and useless, given the present state of Irish law.

Mr Gilhooley was picked up at the gates of Portlaoise prison at the beginning of the week immediately on his release from a sentence for membership of the IRA. Yesterday he was refused bail and remanded

House to debate hanging motion next week

By Our Political Correspondent

The motion on which House of Commons opinion will be tested next Thursday on the re-introduction of capital punishment for terrorists who cause death, was published yesterday.

In the name of Mr Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton, who is a barrister, it states: "To draw attention to the prevalence of terrorism and *the penalties for such offences;* and to move that this House demands capital punishment for terrorist offences causing death." The vote will come after a three-hour debate, in a period allotted for private members' motions.

Other attempts to restore the *death penalty, directly related* to the attacks of the IRA, will be made by Conservatives during the committee and report stages of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill, which has had a second reading.

When the hanging issue was last put to the test, on December 11, 1974, on a free vote, there were 369 MPs against a restoration of the death-penalty and 217 for, a majority against of 152. There are signs that a number of Conservatives who were against hanging a year ago *have changed their minds as a* result of the violent attacks and murders carried out by the IRA. Whether enough MPs have changed their minds to give a majority for a restoration of capital punishment for terrorism seems doubtful.

Less hope for Fleet Street negotiations

By Our Labour Staff

The prospect of worthwhile negotiations about the introduction of computer-based technology to Fleet Street newspapers diminished yesterday when leaders of one of the most skilled printing unions made clear that they would not be attending talks with *management* representatives on Friday.

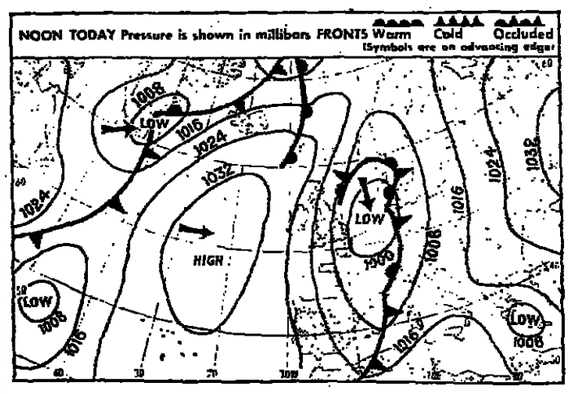
It is understood that the National Graphical Association is seeking agreement on three conditions before it sends representatives to any future meeting with other unions involved *in talks with the Newspapers* Publishers Association on the financial crisis facing national newspapers.

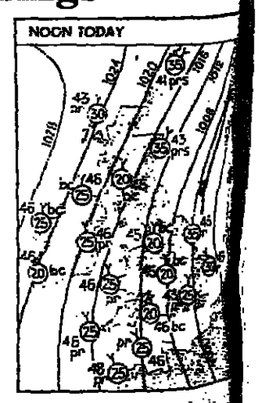
Mr Joe Wade, the union's assistant general secretary, said: "It has proved impossible *to reach agreement among the* unions on policies for the introduction of new technology.

He added that the NGA was also not satisfied with the NPA's response to the union's demand for a guarantee of no compulsory redundancies.

The third condition is that there should be no further "leaks" of *information. That* is an apparent reference to the publication in *The Times* last week of details of a document, *National Newspapers: Man*power and Technology, which showed that leaders of the six *main unions had apparently* agreed upon a common approach to the NPA

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.46 am. Sun sets: 3.54 pm
Moon rises: 8.1 am. Moon sets: 4.34 pm
New Moon 12.50 am.
Lighting up: 4.24 pm to 7.17 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.28 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 1.48 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Avonmouth, 7.2 am, 13.4m (44.1ft); 7.24 pm, 13.4m (44.1ft). Dover, 10.49 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 11.13 pm, 6.8m (22.3ft). Hull, 5.48 am, 7.4m (24.4ft); 6.10 pm, 7.5m (24.6ft). Liverpool, 11.2 am, 9.6m (31.4ft); 11.26 pm, 9.3m (30.6ft).

A cold N airstream covers the British Isles; most places will have showers, with snow on high ground; strong to gale N wind in all areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London SE, E England, East Anglia: Showers or longer periods of rain; sunny intervals; max temp 6°C (43°F).

CS England, Midlands: Showers, sunny intervals; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Showers, sunny periods; max temp 8°C (46°F).

N Wales, NW, CN England, Lake District: Showers with snow on high ground, sunny intervals; max temp 6°C (43°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen and Moray Firth: Showers occasionally prolonged, with snow on high ground, sunny intervals; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Occasional showers, snow on high ground, sunny periods; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Showers of sleet or snow, sunny intervals; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry, sunny periods, occasional showers in E and S; mainly rather cold, frost and fog patches overnight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 10°C (50°F); min, 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 74 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.41in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1000 millibars, rising, 1.000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; o, overcast; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet.

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Aberdeen	r	7	45	Cardiff	c	9	48	Jersey	s	10	50
Algiers	s	18	64	Cologne	r	9	48	Las Palmas	s	20	68
Amsterdam	c	8	46	Copenhagen	r	7	45	Lisbon	s	20	68
Athens	c	16	61	Dublin	s	7	45	Locarno	c	10	50
Barcelona	r	16	61	Edinburgh	s	7	45	London	c	9	48
Belfast	s	7	45	Florence	c	13	55	Luxembourg	r	7	45
Berlin	c	6	43	Funchal	c	19	66	Madrid	s	16	61
Biarritz	c	15	59	Geneva	s	11	52	Majorca	s	16	61
Birmingham	r	9	48	Gibraltar	s	16	61	Malaga	s	18	64
Bristol	c	9	48	Guernsey	r	9	48	Malta	s	21	70
Brussels	c	8	46	Helsinki	c	3	37	Manchester	c	8	46
Budapest	s	6	43	Innsbruck	r	4	39	Moscow	c	0	32
				Istanbul	c	13	55	Munich	r	6	43
								Naples	c	15	59
								Nice	s	15	59
								Oslo	sl	0	32
								Paris	c	9	48
								Reykjavik	c	2	36
								Rome	s	16	61
								Ronaldsway	r	9	48
								Stockholm	r	1	34
								Tel Aviv	s	19	66
								Venice	s	12	54
								Vienna	c	10	50
								Warsaw	c	4	39
								Zurich	c	7	45

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Minister alleges distortion by newspapers

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join a union would be entitled to unemployment benefit.

That touched on the main point of *The Times* leader, and Mr Foot was obviously in the mood to hit back. He made his position clear: "In view of the grotesque misrepresentation that have appeared in the newspapers on the last day or two I have no powers whatever over the decisions of the commissioners and others concerned with the payment of unemployment benefit.

"That does not enter into my power or province in any way. The leading article in *The Times* today, for example, was based on wrenching one single sentence out of a whole letter, *most of which they did not* print. On that basis they called me a fascist. I can only return the compliment by saying that that shows the discrimination and taste of Dr Goebbels."

Mr Foot said he would place in the Commons Library the text of his letter to Mr Nicholson.

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Text of Mr Foot's letter on benefit

The following is the text of the letter written by Mr Foot to Mr Paul Nicholson, general secretary of the Confederation of Employee Organizations, which led to accusations of *fascism and was the subject of* questions in the Commons yesterday:

Thank you for your letter of November 4 about the members of the Electricity Supply Union who claimed unemployment benefit following dismissal from Ferrybridge power station. I have also been asked to deal with the points *you made in your telegram of* October 31 to the Prime Minister. I am sorry that I have not been *able to reply earlier.*

As you probably know, when a person claims unemployment benefit inquiries have to be made about the circumstances in which *his employment ended. This is* necessary because the Social Security Act provides that anyone who leaves his employment voluntarily without just cause or who loses it through misconduct can be disqualified from receiving unemployment benefit for up to six weeks. The reason for this rule is that unemployment benefit is intended for people who become *unemployed through no fault of* their own, and should not be paid immediately to those whose actions bring about their own unemployment.

If the employer's reply raises any doubt as to whether disqualification may have been incurred, further inquiries of both the claimant and employer are made until sufficient information is held for the adjudicating authorities to make a decision. In the meantime payment of unemployment benefit is suspended but application may be made for supplementary allowance.

The term "misconduct" is not defined in the Act but is interpreted in case law as meaning behaviour which would lead any reasonable employer to dismiss an employee. For the purposes of the Act there can be misconduct without dishonesty or other disreputable behaviour which would be regarded as *misconduct in a moral* or moral sense.

It is for the independent adjudicating *authorities who decide all* questions arising on claims for unemployment benefit to consider the circumstances of the individual case and decide on the facts available whether a person's behaviour amounted to misconduct. These authorities are the insurance officer in the first place; on appeal, the local tribunal; and, on final appeal, the National Insurance Commissioner.

A person who declines to fall in with new conditions of employment which result from a collective agreement may well be considered to have brought about his dismissal. The consequences of his refusal, in terms both of loss of his job and of his possible ineligibility for unemployment benefit, must be taken into account by the individual when he decides not to accept his revised conditions of employment.

In view of the independence of *the insurance authorities neither* the Prime Minister nor any other minister has power to intervene in *their decisions in any way or to* pay benefit except in accordance with their decisions.

Naturally, if an insurance tribunal decide that a dismissal in circumstances which have resulted in unemployment benefit not being paid was unfair—i.e. that there was no "misconduct" for the purposes of the unfair dismissal provision—an insurance officer or insurance *tribunal may* take the evidence presented to the industrial tribunal into account in interpreting the Social Security Act. However, the two tribunals are of course interpreting different statutes, and there is no reason why what is construed as behaviour justifying dismissal under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act should be similarly construed under the Social Security Act, or vice versa. The decision of an insurance officer not to allow unemployment benefit does not, therefore, depend upon the provisions of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act concerning fair and unfair dismissal, and of course in this case no decision as to the fairness of the dismissal has yet been taken by an industrial tribunal.

Life jail for men who killed during vendetta

Two men who shot down one man and tried to kill another in an underworld vendetta were both sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday *to life imprisonment.* Archibald Steen, aged 26, of Auchinlea Road, Easterhouse, and Robert Brodie, aged 26, of Kenmore Street, Shettleston, both from Glasgow, admitted murdering Mr John Stillie, aged 27, of Blairlogie *Street, Glasgow,* by shooting him on September 18. He died the next day.

They also admitted attempting to murder Mr William *Elliot,* aged 30, by shooting at him in his home in Cumberland Street on September 19.

Mr Steen also admitted robbing the Clydesdale Bank in *Albert Drive, Pollokshields,* with Ernest Barry on August 13, stealing £12,290 and threatening staff and customers with a shotgun and a revolver.

Mr Steen also admitted having a loaded gun in Princes Street, Edinburgh, on September 20 with the intention of resisting arrest. Both men admitted assaulting Mr Elliot during an identification parade

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Overseas students cost £50m a year

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Overseas students at universities are costing the country about £50m a year, according to an analysis published today.

In the report of a working party of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, which is urging against increases in fees for overseas students, it is argued that full-time undergraduates might lead to measures against them being taken by other governments, and a reduction in overseas students.

Arguing for the retention of a system which costs £50m a year, the report estimates that overseas students spend £20m on education, excluding living expenses. It estimates that the total investment in overseas students, including the working life of graduates, is £1,000m.

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McWhirter killer uses name Michael Wilson, police say

By Clive Borrell

One of the two men who dead Mr Ross McWhirter London last week is ved to use the name hael Wilson, Deputy Assis- Commissioner Ernest Bond at Scotland Yard last "If he was in this room I would arrest him and him with murder", he Bond is also convinced Mr Wilson can be linked many of the worst ter- outrages in London and Home Counties in the past years.

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he gun used to kill Mr Whirter was a Magnum .357 ilver and ballistic checks are still being made to see if there is any link with previous IRA shootings in London using a similar weapon.

Although two men were present at the shooting only one gun was fired—"a very powerful weapon", Mr Bond said. "We are satisfied that this was a determined attack on the life of Mr McWhirter and not an attempt to kidnap Mrs McWhirter."

Mr Bond said there was a "group of villains" still living in or around London who were assignned to terrorist duties in England on behalf of the IRA. "They must be living somewhere, and I cannot stress too much how much we need the help of the public in our investigations," he said.

Mr Wilson "is the most wanted man on our list of terrorists".

When asked about Miss Margaret McKearney, who was released on Monday by the Irish police after her arrest at the weekend, he said "active efforts were being takenn to have her extradited. However, no request had been made to have her rearrested.

*Cremation request refused*n Dr David Paul, who had been asked by Mr McWhirter's relatives to grant a cremation order, refused yesterday to release the body (the Press Association reports).

"In views of the fact that this is a murder, I will not make an order for the release of the body", he said. "I will adjourn the inquest until December 16. I am loath to issue a cremation order, even on December 16."



Lord De L'Isle, VC (left), and Mr McWhirter at their London press conference yesterday.





e Photofit (left) and artist's impression of the man the lice believe shot Mr Ross McWhirter.

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New group plans to fight erosion of freedoms

By Penny Symon

An organization that hopes to emerge as a formidable national body and a rallying point for people who feel that their freedoms are being eroded was launched in London yesterday.

The National Association for Freedom is based on a 15-point charter of rights and liberties drawn up by Mr Norris McWhirter, the author and publisher, whose brother Ross was murdered last Thursday. The atmosphere was emotional as Mr McWhirter presented the charter and said that the country faced the stark choice of either fighting for the survival of the freedom of speech or bowing to the threats of intimidation that sought to destroy it.

"The right that we should cherish most of the 15 is the right to live under the Queen's peace within the realm, and its preservation is the prime responsibility of government", he said. "Dereliction of that duty is the ultimate indictment, and neglect is the final failure."

Lord De L'Isle, VC, the association's chairman, spoke of four recognizable threats to freedom: a failure to see that the country was travelling towards drab collectivism; inflation; the growing machinery of government; and the extra-parliamentary power of the leaders of organized labour. He said the association would hold demonstrations against the erosion of freedom if necessary.

The association will be directed by a council of about 40 people, including three Conservative MPs, and intends to commission a series of public opinion polls. It will publish a manual called *Active Citizenship* in January, and will encourage litigation against any apparently unlawful infringement of constitutional rights.

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Magistrates call for definitive drink tests for engine drivers

From Arthur Osman
Rugby

Rugby magistrates who, without hearing medical evidence, yesterday convicted an engine driver of drunkenness while in charge of a train suggested that the Government should consider more definitive tests in such cases. A solicitor for the defence said afterwards that an appeal was being considered and the justices would be asked to state a case.

The driver, David Wyllie, aged 54, of Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley, denied the offence. After a hearing lasting four hours the justices fined him £25, ordered him to pay £10 towards an advocate's fee, but made no order as to costs.

Mr Wyllie, married, with four children and a driver for 19 years, had been under suspension without pay since November 7, when he was taking an express Freightliner train from Willesden to Crewe during the late evening. He had been on the railway since 1936 and is now subject to instant dismissal.

Mr Wyllie said in evidence that he had drunk three or four pints of beer while off duty at lunchtime and another two pints before going on shortly before 7 p.m. He was not a drinking man, but, could drink eight to ten pints at a session

Mr Stanley Sykes, his solicitor, addressing the magistrates, said: "What is the measure of drunkenness? It has to be an objective test. You have no medical evidence to help you and it is a question of judgment. This man behaved with propriety and dignity and I submit no evidence has been called to support the charge that he was drunk.

"Obviously some drink had ben taken, but I ask you to say the case has not been made out and to dismiss it. It will be a sufficient warning to him and other engine drivers all over the country, and in every sense the publicity will have done some good."

The case arose after an anonymous telephone call to British Rail. Mr Wyllie had been seen drinking in a staff social club at Willesden before boarding his train. It was stopped more than 70 miles away at Rugby.

Mr Alan Peel, assistant area manager, said in evidence that he boarded the locomotive and found that Mr Wyllie was sweating, his eyes were red, his speech was slurred and he kept repeating himself. There was a strong smell of alcohol.

Police Constable Christopher Cooper, of the railway police, said Mr Wyllie told him later that he had been drinking. The officer thought that he was unsteady on his feet and his speech was slurred. He arrested Mr Wyllie, who replied: "After 40 years" and later: "What can I say?"

Police Sergeant David Moore, of Warwickshire police, who accepted the charge, said: "In my opinion he was drunk." He agreed that no tests such as blood or urine samples had been applied. Breath tests were applied only under the Road Traffic Act and not for rail offences, as far as he was aware. Mr Wyllie had not asked for any tests to be made.

Mr Edward Sweeney, the guard on the train, said he smelt alcohol, but Mr Wyllie was not unsteady and there was no slurring of his speech.

Mr Sykes asked him: "Would you have risked your life or anyone else's life if you had had the remotest belief there was anything incapable about driver Wyllie?" Mr Sweeney replied, "No".

Mr Wyllie told the court that he had booked on at Stonebridge Park depot and on the way to his train called in the British Rail Staff Association Institute at Willesden for tobacco. He was there for about 20 minutes and had two pints of beer to follow the three or four pints he had had off duty at lunchtime.

Mr Andrew Cutliffe, of South Oxhey, Watford, the second man on the locomotive, said Mr Wyllie's conduct was normal during the journey to Rugby.

Minister's review: The Department of the Environment commented: "The discipline of British Rail drivers is a matter for British Rail. Legislation already exists to help them in this. Our minister has already announced, some six or seven months ago, that he wanted a review of this, and this is still going on."

British Rail said there was no legislation that entitled the board to give a driver a breath test. "The legislation that allows people to be breathalysed comes under the Road Traffic Acts", he said.

Doctor is cleared over death of patient

Dr William Murray-Browne, of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, was cleared by the Disciplinary Committee of the General Medical Council yesterday of serious professional misconduct in the case of a patient, aged 57, who died after a serious haemorrhage.

Dr Murray-Browne was accused of failing to provide proper and necessary treatment on May 18, 1973, for Mr Clifford Brown, who died that evening.

Dr Murray-Browne told the committee that he went to see Mr Brown at about 6.30 pm. "I thought he had a massive haemorrhage and was clearly seriously ill. I had to make a decision on whether to risk his life by getting an ambulance. I thought it was not justified; he could not survive the journey. I thought I would let him get over the shock and then see if we could move him later."

He said he returned to the house at about 9 pm but Mr Brown had died about half an hour earlier. He added: "I was not surprised to find that he had died."

Man told to keep his lion at home

From Our Correspondent
Wolverhampton

Mr Lewis Foley, the owner of Laddo, a lion, said yesterday that he would defy a court ruling to keep the animal securely locked up at his home.

Mr Foley, of Corngreaves Road, Cradley Heath, appeared in court at Smethwick, West Midlands, yesterday, with Mr Leslie Maiden, a lion tamer, of the same address.

They were both charged with unlawfully behaving in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace by taking a wild animal for a tour around Birmingham. The magistrates adjourned the case for nine days.

After the hearing, Mr Foley said: "I am taking my lion out and I do not care if I get arrested and put in jail. He needs exercise badly."

£3,600 case for trial

John Alan Hawkins, of Tennyson Way, Hornchurch, Essex, a member of the London Stock Exchange, was sent for trial at Knightsbridge Crown Court by the Marlborough Street magistrate yesterday on two charges of receiving stolen luncheon vouchers valued at £3,600.

noking curb on jets

Because fewer passengers smoking in aircraft British ways is to increase the pro- tion of non-smoking seats on Star jets and Trident air- ft, it was disclosed yester- y.

Viking Way planned

Lincolnshire County Council disclosed plans yesterday for a 120-mile footpath to be known as the Viking Way, which will run from the south Humberside border across Lincolnshire to the Leicestershire border.

Judge asks why murder attempt charge was put

From Our Correspondent
Southampton

Mr Justice Forbes, at Winchester Crown Court yesterday criticized authorities who charge people with attempted murder without "a scrap of evidence".

Philip Slater, aged 25, was charged with carrying an offensive weapon, attempted murder, and wounding with intent.

After he had pleaded guilty to wounding with intent Mr Justice Forbes said: "Why was this charge of attempted murder put? There was never the slightest chance that any jury would convict this man on this charge. Somebody advises the prosecution in these matters, and it seems to me to be wholly intolerable that this man has been brought here on a charge of attempted murder.

Mr Slater, of St George's Street, Sandown, Isle of Wight, was given an 18-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, after admitting wounding his stepson with intent.

Stronger powers are sought for school governors

By our Education Correspondent

Much stronger powers for school governors are recommended today by the Headmasters' Association, whose members are heads of some of the leading private and state schools.

In evidence to the Taylor committee, which is looking into the management and governing of schools, the association says that some people consier that serving on governing bodies of schools is not worth while. Busy men and women will be more readily persuaded to become governors if it can be seen that they will have significant responsibilities.

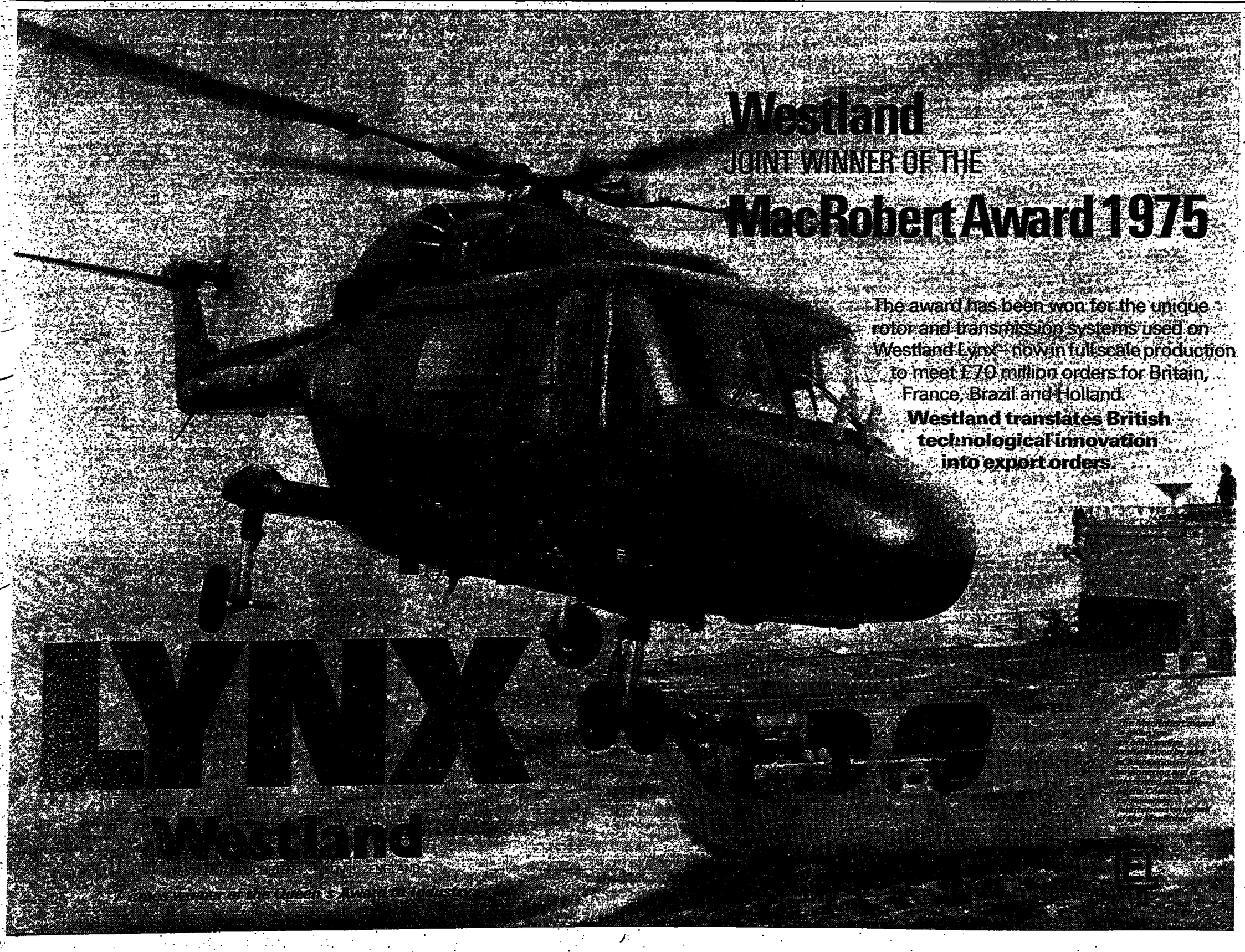
The association says local education authorities should allow governors to control the use of money made available to the school. It also maintains that the staffing needs o schools can be judted more accurately at the school than at the headquarters of the education authority.

The headmasters also say that governors ought to be allowed to rule that a pupil should be expelled permanently. At present the initiative to suspend a pupil is taken by the head teacher and the case is then considered by the governors.

There should be a right of appeal but in the last resort the local authority should assume responsibility for providing education elsewhere for the expelled pupil, the association says.

The association sees no reason why nominees of the authority should form the greater part of school governing bodies. Governors should be as independent as possible of party political considerations, it says.

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HOME NEWS

Defeated AUEW left-winger to stand for new post

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

Mr Robert Wright, a prominent left-wing member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, who recently lost his executive seat when he was defeated in a postal ballot, has decided to stand for the important, but less influential, post of an assistant general secretary.

Mr Wright lost his executive seat by a decisive margin to Mr Terence Duffy, a moderate, and his decision to try for the general secretary's post will end speculation over his immediate plans.

In the elections, to be held in March, he is likely to be challenged by Mr John Weakley, a leading moderate, who earlier this year won a High Court action which prevented the union from holding elections other than by postal ballot.

The action also established that Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the union, did not have a casting vote as chairman at a meeting of the rules committee in favour of abolishing the rule requiring postal ballots.

The vacancy for the post will be created by the retirement of Mr Ernest Roberts, another prominent left-winger. The apparent march of the moderates within Britain's second largest union was halted last week when Mr Kenneth Brett, a communist, narrowly retained his position as the other assistant general secretary against a strong moderate challenge.

It is understood that no nominations have been received for the vacancy that will be created by Mr Roberts's retirement.

Details released by the union show that the cost of postal balloting is much cheaper a vote cast than branch balloting.

The figures show that the total cost of postal balloting in 1974 was £151,490, which worked out at 7.6p for the 1,992,097 votes cast. In 1971, the last complete year of branch balloting, the total cost was £64,323, which worked out at 11.76p for the 546,673 votes cast.

13 accused walk out of Welsh court

From Trevor Fishlock
Dolgellau

A hearing involving 13 members of the Welsh Language Society ended abruptly at Dolgellau Magistrates' Court, Gwynedd, yesterday, when the defendants walked out. Eight of them drove off in two cars.

One man was arrested and brought back to the court. The magistrates said warrants would be issued for the arrests of five of the defendants whose cases had not been heard.

Sentences on the other eight defendants, who had already been convicted, were deferred to January 12. The magistrates said that if those defendants did not appear they would be sentenced in their absence.

The hearing arose out of a Welsh Language Society demonstration near Dolgellau last month. About 250 people gathered to protest at the refusal of the Welsh Office to allow Gwynedd County Council to erect bilingual road signs with Welsh names above English.

Sponsor saves orchestra's American tour

By Our Arts Reporter

Cancellation of the London Philharmonic Orchestra's 23-day bicentennial tour of the United States next year because of increases in the costs of fares and accommodation has been averted after the intervention of a sponsor.

Mr Eric Bravington, the orchestra's managing director, said yesterday that a decision had to be made during the recent inter-city tour whether to call off the 15-concert tour next November.

"We found the costs were £25,000 to £30,000 in excess of our original estimates", he said. "When we last toured the United States five years ago fares were £7,200. This time they are £19,000, but we think that figure will come down to £17,500."

He said that neither last month's inter-city tour nor that of the United States next year could have taken place without the sponsorship of Commercial Union. It increased its sponsorship allocation to £30,000 within 24 hours of the orchestra's financial difficulties being known.

£750 art prize contest to be held annually

A competition that gives students of painting the chance to evaluate their progress against that of their contemporaries is to become an annual event in the art college calendar.

Next spring final-year students at more than 60 colleges will again compete for the Winsor and Newton Award, with a top prize of £750, launched on a trial basis this year.

A departure will be the award of £50 at each regional exhibition in Birmingham, Sheffield, Bath, Edinburgh, and London.

Each finalist must submit three pictures. Sixty works will be shown at the final in London on March 30. Judges will select four painters to go forward for further assessment.

In brief

Poet damaged painting

Daniel McNabb, aged 47, an Oxfordshire poet and broadcaster, was fined £70 and ordered to pay £30 compensation when he pleaded guilty at Woodstock Magistrates' Court, Oxfordshire, yesterday, to damaging a £1,000 oil painting of Sir Winston Churchill, which he had taken from the Bear Hotel at Woodstock.

He told the police that he took the portrait as a practical joke "to cheer folk up in these rotten times". The prosecution said there were marks along the edges of the canvas which would cost £30 to repair. Mr McNabb lives at Green Cottage, Combe.

Harbouring case woman gets bail

Lynne Bogan, aged 28, of Chiltern Green, Millbrook, Southampton, who faces a charge of harbouring an alleged terrorist bomber, has been granted bail by a judge in chambers, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Nigel Lightfoot, her solicitor, told Southampton magistrates yesterday that the matter came before Mr Justice Talbot on Friday. He granted bail with two sureties and on condition that Mrs Bogan reported to the police daily. She was again remanded on bail until January 28.

'Plunderers from abroad' fined

Mr David Fairburn, the magistrate at Horseferry Road Court, London, said yesterday that the people of this country had to pay more to support the "plundering foreigners" who pillaged our shops, thus making things more expensive for us.

Andreas Maos, aged 24, a Congolese trainee ballet dancer, had admitted stealing a bottle of after-shave lotion from Harrods. He was fined £75, with £25 costs. A similar fine was imposed on a Greek woman tourist.

Full inquiry into cyanide scare

The Anglian Water Authority yesterday ordered a full inquiry into the cyanide scare along a 15-mile stretch of the Nene in Northamptonshire when domestic water supplies were cut off to 38 towns and villages for up to six days.

The poison has been traced to a metal factory at Rushden, the authority says. Five pumping stations were put out of action, schools closed and businesses affected.

School damaged by fire moves

Clarendon School, seriously damaged by fire in September, is to move from Abergele, North Wales, to Bedfordshire in January.

The independent girls' school will now be housed in the buildings of the old Hawnes School for Girls at Haynes Park, seven miles south of Bedford. The school closed at the beginning of the autumn term because of financial difficulties.

Lord Mayor's plea to Mr Jenkins on juvenile crime

By Our Local Government Correspondent

Sir Lindsay Ring, Lord Mayor of London, called yesterday for magistrates to be given "effective power to administer discipline and impose punishment to deal with the menace of rising juvenile crime".

He addressed his remarks directly to Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, sitting beside him, when speaking at the annual luncheon of the City of London Police Committee.

He said: "I know, Mr Home Secretary, that for more than a year you have been agonizing about this menace and what is to be done about it. But the longer we have to wait the more drastic must be the strengthening of the juvenile courts if confidence in law enforcement is at last to be restored."

As chief magistrate of the City, Sir Lindsay expressed concern about the failure to deal with juvenile crime in this country. He said that since 1969 arrests in London had increased by 30 per cent, adult arrests increasing by 20 per cent and juveniles by 60 per cent.

The Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, had worked well enough for the majority, but "has been absolutely disastrous for a small minority of tough sophisticated juvenile offenders".

"The dreadful truth is that some groups of urban teenagers, realizing how powerless the juvenile courts have been made, are being positively led to believe that society has not got the will or the power to defend itself."

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Many objectors but peaceful start to motorway link inquiry

om Ronald Kershaw
ncaster

More than a hundred objec- ns have been registered for e public inquiry that opened Doncaster yesterday into pro- sals to build a seven-mile hway linking sections of the 18 Rotherham to Goole motor- y at a cost of £23m. Despite rs to the contrary, there was repetition of the disorderly nes that characterized the ent road inquiry at Airedale, st Yorkshire, and caused its sponement.

The Doncaster inquiry con- rns a proposed section of road ween Wadworth and Arm- rpe by-passing Doncaster to south and east. The section uld form the final link in the torway complex between ndon and Hull. Its other ections, as outlined by Mr emy Burford for the Depart- nt of the Environment, uld be to reduce traffic on ds in the centre of Don- ter and to relieve pressure the A614 through Bawtry.

errupters fail: The tactics t interrupted the Aire Valley blic inquiry a fortnight ago led at a by-pass inquiry at yle, Cornwall, yesterday r Penzance Correspondent tes). The inquiry is into a posal by the Department of Environment for a by-pass Hayle, costing about £10m.

The people of Hayle, who are against the proposal, helped Mr Ian Cram, the inspector, to keep order with shouts of "shut up" and "sit down" when he was interrupted by shouting.

Mr John Tyme, who had been successful in forcing the post- ponement of the Aire Valley inquiry, was less successful yes- terday. He maintained that the Hayle inquiry should be ad- journed until proper rules of procedure had been published. When the inspector insisted on continuing the hearing Mr Tyme said he would take no further part and left. He said later that he had been disappointed at the lack of support by other objectors.

Hearing postponed: The De- partment of the Environment said yesterday that revised traf- fic estimates had persuaded it to postpone an inquiry into the A41(M). Berkhamsted by-pass only a week before it was due to open (our Planning Reporter writes). But officials declined to say whether the estimates pre- dicted a greater or smaller traffic flow than had been fore- seen.

M1 plans changed: Work on widening the dangerous stretch of the M1 between Watford and Hemel Hempstead could begin in autumn next year, Mr Car- michael, Under-Secretary of State, Department of the En- vironment, said yesterday (the Press Association reports).

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Equal rights for women to be tested by council

By a Staff Reporter

The National Council for Civil Liberties is to bring a series of test cases on equal rights for women, once the Sex Discrimination Act and the Equal Pay Act take full effect next month. The council also plans to organize courses on the laws, to encourage women to take action.

Education authorities and school governors should be per- suaded to make boys at school do short courses in home economics, and girls in car maintenance and changing plugs, as in the United States, Miss Patricia Hewitt, the coun- cil's general secretary, says in a detailed guide to the new rights of women, published today.

Another publication, by a National Union of Journalists working party, called on jour- nalists to stop perpetuating the image of women as second-class citizens, incapable and un- worthy of achieving equality.

Terms such as "consumers" or "shoppers" ought to replace "housewives", the booklet says.

The council says targets ought to be set for improving women's lot in various fields, government contracts should be used as weapons against employers, and women ought to get 14 weeks' paid maternity leave as in Germany and France. Discrimination in tax and pensions ought to be changed as well.

Rights for Women (NCCL, 186 King's Cross Rd, London, WC1, 65p). *Images of Women* (NUJ, Acorn House, Gray's Inn Rd, London, WC1. 15p).

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Sir Adrian Boult, aged 86, rehearsing the BBC Symphony Orchestra yesterday in Walton's Symphony No 1, which he is to conduct at the Festival Hall, London, tonight.

North Sea ban on herring fishing

By Hugh Clayton

Fishing for herring in the North Sea has been banned for a month. The Ministry of Agri- culture, Fisheries and Food said the ban was complete except for the few herring picked up unavoidably in catches of other species. The North Sea grounds account for almost 15 of every 100 tons of herring landed in Britain.

Mr Francis Greene, presi- dent of the National Federa- tion of Fishmongers, said: "We do not envisage it putting up the prices of herring or kippers.

"We approve of this ban because other European nations have been overfishing. I do not see that this policy will cause any more of a short- age than we are already expe- riencing. There is a great shortage of herring. The fact is that they simply are not there."

The federation would sup- port a much longer ban on herring fishing as was pro- posed last month at the meet- ing of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission in Lon- don. "This policy of banning fishing for certain species at certain times of the year wants to be more widely adopted," Mr Greene said.

A ministry official said quotas for 1976 had been agreed at that meeting of 27 countries including the United Kingdom and Iceland. Deci- sions at the meeting had over- taken the most recent previous allowances. This year British fishermen had taken little more than seven eighths of their original North Sea herring quota.

The ban would not have a damaging effect on North Sea fisheries, since no British ves- sels were now fishing in the area for herring. The meeting of the commission was oversha- dowed by a difference of in- terest between nations that relied mainly on fish for human consumption, such as Iceland, and those with large industrial catches, such as Den- mark.

Industrial fishing is catching young species for oil and for use in livestock feeds.

Thieves may have caused express derailment

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

The derailment of two ex- presses near Watford in January was probably caused by disappointed thieves who broke into a freight train up the line and left it insecure, according to a railway inspector's report yesterday. A driver was killed and several passengers were in- jured and the main London to Glasgow line was blocked for two days.

Thieves probably broke into a freight wagon, part of a regu- lar daily train carrying car components between the Ford works at Dagenham and Liver- pool, while it stood at signals at Gospel Oak, north London, earlier in the evening. Finding nothing of value, they left the doors open and two metal con- tainers fell out as the train rounded a curve near Watford. A Manchester to London ex- press hit the containers and was derailed, then a London to Glasgow sleeper hit that and was derailed also.

Although with hindsight the accident could have been pre- vented, no blame attaches to employees either of Ford or British Rail, Colonel Ian McNaughton, Chief Inspecting Officer of Railways concludes. The guard should have inspec- ted the freight train while it stopped at Willesden between Gospel Oak and Watford but in view of the tight clearance be- tween the siding where it stood and the adjacent running line he did not wish to expose him- self to danger and could not be criticized on that account, Colonel McNaughton says.

Of three places where the freight train stopped, Gospel Oak, Finchley Road and Brent Sidings, it was fairly obvious that the interference had taken place at Gospel Oak. Fencing was broken down on both sides of the line indicating that tres- pass took place regularly at a point out of sight of the signal box and not overlooked by buildings.

Mr Jack Jones hopes for a 'new civilization'

By Our Labour Editor

Mr Jack Jones, general secre- tary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, called yesterday for "a clean break from the authoritarian relation- ships" of present society to allow a transition to genuine industrial democracy.

Workers' participation in policy-making was the key to a new civilization, he told staff and students at Birkbeck Col- lege, London. "Reactionary in- terests" would be wrong to hold back the exploitation of the organizational and political skills of working people.

Mr Jones, a senior member of the TUC General Council and for many years a passionate advocate of industrial demo- cracy, demanded: "No more authoritarian statements from some chairmen about the future prospects for thousands of workers' families.

"No more slips in the wage packet telling workers what changes are being made, or about a policy which has taken management years to evolve.

Giving the Birkbeck Founda- tion Lecture, he argued that the trade unions were seeking with the Labour Party to make a fun- damental change in property relationships and in the deriva- tion of authority. To achieve that "new civilization" a greatly advanced form of demo- cracy had to be created.

"Frankly, we must achieve a clean break from the authori- tarian relationships of our present society", he said.

He concluded: "A great reservoir of technological, orga- nizational and political abilities is available to our people, if only we can create the physical and political means to exploit these resources.

"The rewards of such pro- gress are enormous, the alter- natives are truly reprehensible. If we do not harness and apply our material resources, we shall pay a price in stagnation, un- employment and the discredi- ting of our political institutions.

Man appeals over 'higher ates than Queen pays'

om Our Correspondent
ng's Lynn

A man who found that he s paying higher rates on his r-bedroom house on the e of the Sandringham royal ate than the Queen does for eight-bedroom farmhouse ar by has appealed to West rfolk Valuation Court, King's nn.

Mr Anthony Everett, aged 39, Anmer Road, Flitcham, also ld the court that while he id a £20 rating assessment his swimming pool another sident on the royal estate, the ke of Kent, had not been ted for his pool.

The Queen's Wood Farm, olferton, has a ratable value £388. The general rate paid £198.26, and the water rates nount to £30.26, making a tal of £228.52. Mr Everett's me, an £18,000 red brick use built in 1974, has a table value of £405. The neral rate paid is £206.95, and e water rates amount to £31.59. So the Queen pays £10.02 less than Mr Everett, a trans- port manager for a soup manu- facturer.

He maintained that his house was overrated in comparison with the Queen's Wood Farm house. His property has two bathrooms, full central heating, double garage and a £2,000 swimming pool. It is in three quarters of an acre, but lacks main drains.

Mr B. G. Pratt, deputy valua- tion officer, said Flitcham was a charming unspoilt village and there would be no difficulty in letting Mr Everett's property. He added that the question of the Duke of Kent's swimming pool would be looked in to. The court confirmed Mr Everett's assessment, which it considered fair.

Mrs Sally Everett said yester- day: "We quoted the Queen's place because we live on the estate. We have been into this carefully and we find the Queen's Wood Farm is rated on an agricultural basis."

Only six garages out of 107 pass in fire checks

From Our Correspondent
Oswestry

A check by Salop fire brigade has disclosed that only six of the 107 garages in the Oswestry area are fully complying with the terms of the 1936 Petroleum Act.

Eight garage proprietors have been given a year to make alterations, and 16 others have been given until 1980. Twenty- four private sites were found to be substandard and most of the rest had small faults.

The fire brigade is threaten- ing to revoke the licence of garages that are not brought up to legal standards. The commonest fault is that petrol pumps and underground tanks are less than 14ft from a build- ing or road.

Call to redesign UK coinage

Britain's decimal currency is criticized by Seaby's, the coin dealers, as probably the most unlovely in the history of the country. In its annual catalogue the firm says the coinage should be redesigned in 1977 to mark the Queen's silver jubilee.

Seaby's also calls for a new design each year of the 50p or 10p piece to mark some aspect of British industry and inven- tion.

Graham Hill identified by his teeth

Graham Hill, the former motor racing champion, and four of the five people who died with him when his aircraft crashed in fog on a golf course at Arkley, near Barnet, last Saturday night were identified by dental records at the open- ing of an inquest at Hornsey, North London, yesterday.

Mr Bernard Sims, a senior lecturer in forensic odontology at the London Hospital, said he took dental impressions from six bodies. Comparing them with dental charts, he was now able to identify five of the de- ceased.

They were Mr Norman Graham Hill, aged 46, of Lynd- hurst, Green Street, Shenley, Hertfordshire; Mr Andrew John Smallman, aged 25, of Basing Hill, Wembley; Mr Ter- ence Edwin Richards, aged 26, of Send Road, Woking, Surrey; Mr Anthony William Brise, aged 23, of Maiden Earleigh Avenue, Bexley, Kent; and Mr Raymond Ernest Brimble, aged 34, of Little Green End, Green End Road, Radnage, Bucking- hamshire.

Mr Sims said he could iden- tify the sixth body only by ex- clusion as that of Tony Alcock, but he understood that dental records were being sent from Australia.

Dr David Paul, the coroner, said he would not accept that identification. He understood that fingerprint evidence would be forthcoming.

The inquest was adjourned

Correction

The Night Sky in December, pub- lished last Saturday, contained in- correct references to the *American Ephemeris*. After the initial reference to the American publi- cation, all subsequent references should have been to the *Astro- nomical Ephemeris* of Britain. In the final paragraph, a comma should have been inserted between "*Ephemeris*" and "handbook".

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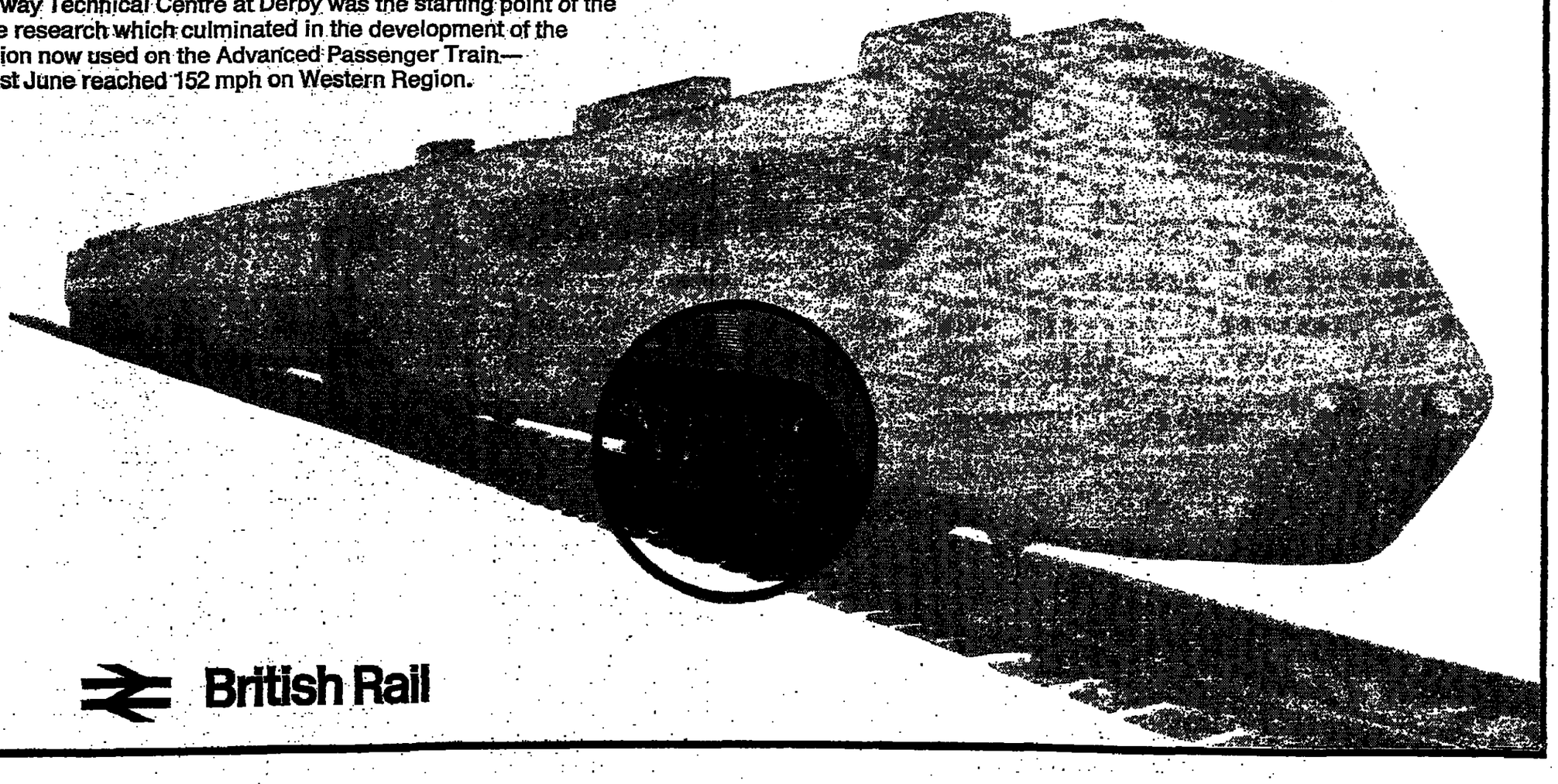
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Spanish King considers his first choice for Cortes presidency

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Dec 2

King Juan Carlos was today considering the appointment of Señor Torcuato Fernandez-Miranda as president of the Cortes. No official announcement had been made by late afternoon. The Council of the Realm, Spain's supreme advisory body, met for a record six and a half hours yesterday to prepare a list of three candidates for the job, for the King's choice of one.

The post of president of the Cortes, and automatically that of the Council of the Realm and Regency, became vacant last week when Señor Rodriguez de Valcarcel ended his six-year term of office. Señor Fernandez-Miranda, who is 60, was formerly Deputy Premier and Minister of the National Movement. Spain's only legal political organization, under Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, General Franco's first Prime Minister. He took over briefly when Admiral Carrero was assassinated in December, 1973, until the appointment of Señor Carlos Arias Navarro.

Señor Fernandez-Miranda, once the King's tutor, is a conservative member of the Cortes but is not as far to the right as Señor Rodriguez de Valcarcel, whom many considered to be the front man for the "bunker", the entrenching of the right after Franco.

The King also is expected to choose a new prime minister. Señor Arias tendered his resignation over the weekend, according to reliable reports, and a new appointment is likely before the end of the week.

The Council of the Realm will submit to the King a list of three candidates. Informed sources say that with a regime man as president of the Cortes, the new premier will almost certainly be someone more liberal, to gain the confidence of opposition groups. The two appointments, particularly that of prime minister, will give an idea of the King's political acumen.

Meanwhile, prisoners, including several in the political category, continue to benefit from the King's general pardon. The number of common criminals who will be freed, according to official reports, will amount to some 70 per cent of the inmates in some prisons.

The semi-official news agency Cifra said that in Burgos an alleged member of the Basque separatist organization (ETA) was released; but in general the only political prisoners to be freed so far out of an estimated total of 2,000 are well-known people, confirming the opposition's assertions that the Government intends to use the pardon for political reasons and keep the great majority behind bars. However, unofficial reports indicate that a new government might declare an amnesty.

The public order court, which hears only political cases, has dropped charges against Señora Lydia Falcon, a writer and lawyer, under the pardon. She, her husband, Señor Eliseo Bayo, also an author, and two others were due to be tried for illegal propaganda. The prosecution yesterday asked for three years' imprisonment for each of the defendants, which qualifies them for automatic release under the pardon.

Another well-known prisoner, though not for his political activities, has been released. Señor Juan Vila Reyes was jailed for a total of 223 years in May for fraud and falsification of documents.

He was involved in the Matesa affair, Spain's biggest financial scandal, involving the fraudulent use of Government export credits totalling about £60m. The case, which came to light six years ago, led to a Government crisis and the dismissal of the ministers of finance and commerce, and the governor of the Bank of Spain.

In Badajoz, Señor Blas Pinar, an extreme right-wing notary and a member of the Cortes by direct appointment of General Franco, told a crowd of supporters: "Although Franco is dead, Francoism has not died."

As if out of fear that that might be so, the platform of Democratic Convergence, a popular front type organization including Spanish socialists, but not communists, issued a clandestine statement calling for "freedom for political parties; free trade unions; freedom of expression, assembly and demonstration, and the full immediate and effective exercise of the rights and political liberties of the different nationalities and regions of the Spanish state."



Uniform editions: M Serge Montigny, winner of this year's Prix du Quai des Orfèvres for the best detective novel, autographs copies at Paris police headquarters on the quai.

Threat to Spain's gas

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Dec 2

Spain's withdrawal from Sahara could result in Algeria cutting off its supply of natural gas, according to the monarchist daily *ABC*. It quoted Mr Mahmout Meftah, the representative of Algeria's state energy company, as saying this in Barcelona.

Mr Meftah also said Algeria had no territorial claims. "We simply want to see that the United Nations mandates are fulfilled", he added.

Another newspaper, the *Madrid evening Informaciones*, quoted a "high military officer" in Algeria as saying his country was ready to go to war if the Saharan people were not allowed to decide their own future in a free referendum.

"We would go to war because otherwise we would become isolated and our prestige as the leader of Third World socialism would be placed in doubt", he said.

Icelanders force lone skipper back to fleet

From Michael Horsnell
On board the support ship Miranda off south-east Iceland, Dec 2

The Grimsby trawler Port Vale was escorted from the North Cape of Iceland by the Icelandic coastguard vessel Ardvakur today after her trawl had been cut.

The Ardvakur, a small armed tender, stole up in darkness on the Port Vale while she was within the 50-mile limit; the coastguard ship pretended to be a trawler by carrying a trawl light on her mast.

The trawl cutting was the price paid by her skipper, Mr John Rimmer, for refusing to join th emain British trawler fleet off south-east Iceland.

For several days the Port Vale had fished alone and unprotected off the north-west coast more than 200 miles from the safety box designated by Mr Taff Davis, the defence commander of the British Government's defence ship Star Aquarius.

Tonight the Port Vale was heading for the main fleet where 49 trawlers had been fishing safely.

Before the trawl-cutting incident she had been constantly harassed by angry Icelandic fishermen. It was the first trawl-cutting incident since early last week when the Trawler William Wilberforce suffered a similar fate.

The British operations off the south-east coast have been deterring the Icelandic gunboats, though one Icelandic trawler, with Nordic bravado, sailed across the bows of the ocean-going defence tug Lloydsman and the Government support ship Miranda just before midday.

Frigate withdrawn: HMS Leopard, the first of three Royal Navy frigates sent to protect British trawlers fishing off Iceland, has been withdrawn and is to pay a courtesy visit to Grimsby on Thursday before returning to her home base of Portsmouth.

Judge kidnapper captured

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Dec 2

Jean-Charles Willoquet, a 31-year-old gangster who last July engineered his escape from captivity by kidnapping a Paris court judge just as he was about to try him, was recaptured here last night by an elite police sharpshooters' unit.

About 80 police surrounded his hideout and as they entered they found him watching a television film featuring the same sharpshooters.

Italian schools shut

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Dec 2

State schools and universities were closed throughout Italy today because of a strike involving some 800,000 teachers and academics. About 10 million schoolchildren and students were prevented from attending their usual classes.

The strike was in support of a variety of demands, from the application of a promised reform of secondary schools to better pay and conditions for teachers.

History 'was made by orphans'

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Dec 2

Historical figures were mainly orphans, abandoned or illegitimate children, or children who rejected their fathers, Dr Pierre Rentchnick, a Swiss medical researcher, says in the Swiss medical journal *Medicine et Hygiene*.

After studying biographies of over 300 political and religious leaders, he claims this is "a common denominator unperceived up to now."

"A distinctive characteristic of the childhood of these leaders is the feeling of 'nothing' or agonizing emptiness," he adds. "The orphan in search of security becomes aggressive and tries to dominate society and destiny."

His list includes Lloyd George, Ivan the Terrible, and Queen Victoria, who were orphaned or lost their fathers before the age of eight, Attila, Ataturk, Lenin, Stalin, Hitler, and Hadrian, who were orphaned or lost their fathers before the age of 15.

He gives Calvin, Churchill, Martin Luther, Mao Tse-Tung, Nasser, ex-President Nixon, President Tito and Mrs Golda Meir as examples of those rejected by their fathers or abandoned

French businessmen warn Government

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Dec 2

One of France's best known small industrialists, M Léon Gingembre, today launched a businessmen's protest movement to warn the Government that entrepreneurs and managers had suffered enough harassment by "minority" trade unions and magistrates with working class sympathies.

M Gingembre, president of the Association of Small and Medium-sized Businesses (PME) since 1969, denied his new Union of Business Proprietors and Managers was intended as a political movement. But he pointedly warned President Giscard d'Estaing in a letter against "advanced" social policies, which, he said, only helped those "aiming to destroy our society."

M Gingembre chose to hold a press conference today when the Socialist and Communist trade union federations were holding yet another of their "days of action" with industrial stoppages and demonstrations across France.

But M Gingembre's revolt of the "silent majority of businessmen" is far more significant for the Government, which is now running into stiff resistance to its programme of reforms affecting business and industry. The PME represents firms which make up numerically the bulk of French industry, and in the past the Government has usually been able to depend on its support.

The businessmen's grumblings have grown in intensity since young magistrates of left-wing leanings started arresting the proprietors of industrial concerns which had been involved in industrial accidents.

The latest arrest came only yesterday when a Lyons court passed a six-month prison sentence for "negligence" on an executive at the Berliet lorry factory, where two employees were accidentally killed. He was given three months' remission of sentence and has appealed.

Businessmen are also worried about Government plans to reform industry, introduce a captial gains tax and increase social security payments. M Gingembre said they were tired of being submitted to constant attacks by the trade unions, which had become a state within the state and were tolerated as such by the Government.

"Business is criticized and abused, manual work is despisedby the schools, and made to look ridiculous by the mass media—although 80 per cent of young manual workers, according to surveys, say they are satisfied with their present jobs and with the profound changes which haveimproved their conditions of work," he declared.

Today's industrial action chiefly hit therailways and the state television and radio network, where the familiar skeleton programmes were put on exactly as under the old ORTF.

Kidnap woman's call for help

Turin, Dec 2.—Mrs Carla Ovazza, mother-in-law of the daughter of the Fiat president, Signor Giovanni Agnelli, who was kidnapped in Turin last Wednesday, has sent a message to her family saying she is well but asking help in getting out of her "nightmare" situation.

Investigators did not say how the message was sent to the family, but disclosed that it did not come in the mail.

The amount of the ransom being demanded has not been officially stated but it is believed to be 10,000m lire (about £7m). A group of Mrs Ovazza's relatives, including her second husband, Signor Barba Navaretti, an engineer, have got together to raise the money.—Agence France-Presse.

Hospital in Cologne bankrupt

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Dec 21

A convoy of ambulances began to transfer about 250 patients to spare beds in hospitals throughout Cologne yesterday after their hospital had gone bankrupt.

The 300-bed Three Kings' Hospital in the Cologne suburb of Mülheim declared itself insolvent on Friday. On the same day, a judge refused to open bankruptcy proceedings because there was not enough money or assets to cover the expense of these.

The city took over responsibility for winding up the hospital. All patients strong enough will have been moved out by the weekend.

The entire staff of 268, including 33 doctors, have been dismissed, except for the few needed to care for the patients unfit for transfer. The residual staff will be paid by the city until the hospital is completely closed. Only the 45 student nurses have been guaranteed new posts elsewhere in Cologne.

As usual in West Germany, the Three Kings' Hospital was privately run, in this case by a Roman Catholic foundation. The hospital owes DM4.5m (£850,000). The foundation could not pay even the November salaries of the staff, but a recent law provides for compensation for employees affected by bankruptcy. The labour office has begun looking for new posts for those dismissed.

The cash crisis which had led to the first hospital bankruptcy in West German history developed rapidly.

Last week the foundation sought to borrow DM1.5m—the minimum to keep going—from the city. The city refused because there are so many spare hospital beds in Cologne that the hospital would not be missed. Another Catholic foundation, which wanted to convert the building to an old people's home, withdrew because it found the city's regulations too stringent.

Then the banks refused to extend overdrafts to cover the November payroll. Medical insurance societies owe the hospital DM800,000, and a Roman Catholic bank offered to write off 80 per cent of a DM500,000 debt and extend the repayment period for the rest. But this was not enough.

Although the hospital is thought to have been too small to prosper in modern conditions, it is probably in the end a victim of the recession.

Hospital admissions have declined sharply over the past two years as unemployment and short-time working rose. The Government is considering steps to reduce the growing surplus of hospital beds.

Austrians protest over cheap EEC tights

From David Cross
Brussels, Dec 2

The Austrian Government today called on the European Community for new agricultural trade arrangements to offset a decline in Austrian exports caused by the Community's continuing beef import curbs. At the same time, it protested against Community exports of cheap tights which are threatening parts of its domestic textile industry.

At a meeting in Brussels, Austrian officials pointed out that while Austrian exports of farm produce have been steadily declining in recent months, agricultural imports of wine, fruit and vegetables from the Community have been on the increase. The solution, they argued, would be to conclude reciprocal trade agreements for such products as beef, dairy products and wine, which are at present outside the scope of their free trade agreement with the Community.

The Community's reaction to this suggestion was cool, although EEC officials agreed to study it further. The Community cannot afford to be too obstructive because the Austrians have hinted that they may have to seek other outlets for their farm produce and limit their imports from the EEC.

On textiles, the Austrians made it clear that their government was considering the introduction of import duties on EEC tights to bring prices closer to prevailing Austrian levels.

The Austrians maintain that Community exports of this product have risen sixfold in the past two or three years, mainly because they are being sold at about half the price of locally manufactured goods.

Rome's newest monument is getting weak

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Dec 2

Connoisseurs of Rome's traditional monuments will hardly be upset that one of the largest, most recent and most prominent, the huge and maladroit Victor Emanuel monument, built to celebrate national unity, is showing signs of cracks and instability.

An official statement today draws the attention of visitors to the "imminent danger" from falling masonry.

The monument was begun in 1885 and finished in 1911.

Picasso painting 'only for a Spain republic'

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Dec 2

Mme Jacqueline Picasso, widow of the Spanish painter, declared here today that the famous painting "Guernica" will be handed over only if Spain becomes a republic. For the present it will remain in the New York Museum of Modern Art.

"Contrary to fresh rumours that have been circulating, 'Guernica' will belong to the Spanish republic as Pablo Picasso wanted", she said in a written statement here.

Plan to let Paris have a mayor

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Dec 2

Paris will have a mayor for the first time in a century, and be governed almost like any other big city in France, if a Bill that came before the National Assembly today is passed.

There is something paradoxical, as *Le Monde* points out today, in the Government contemplating decentralization for Paris when it shies from it in the case of the regions.

It shows that Paris, which has always been suspect to the successive regimes France has known, has lost its traditional role of the hydra of revolution, imposing its fickle will on the stable and bewildered provinces.

The reform provides for the election by the city council of a mayor for a six-year term of office, instead of the existing president elected for one year. He would have all the authority and powers of the mayor of any big French city, except those concerning the police, as Paris is also the seat of the executive government.

These powers have been exercised by the Prefect of Paris, appointed by the Government, who is the real master of the capital. The President's function has been largely ceremonial. In future, the prefect would be charged with carrying out the decisions taken by the council and the mayor. Above all, the mayor would become responsible for the employment and control of the 30,000 employees of the city, who at present are under the control of the prefect.

The city council which acts merely as a recording assembly, debating and amending legislation prepared by the prefect, would acquire the real deliberative powers of municipal assembly. Above all, between its rather short sessions, continuity of control over the administration, so patently lacking under the present system, would be ensured by a standing committee of the mayor and his deputies.

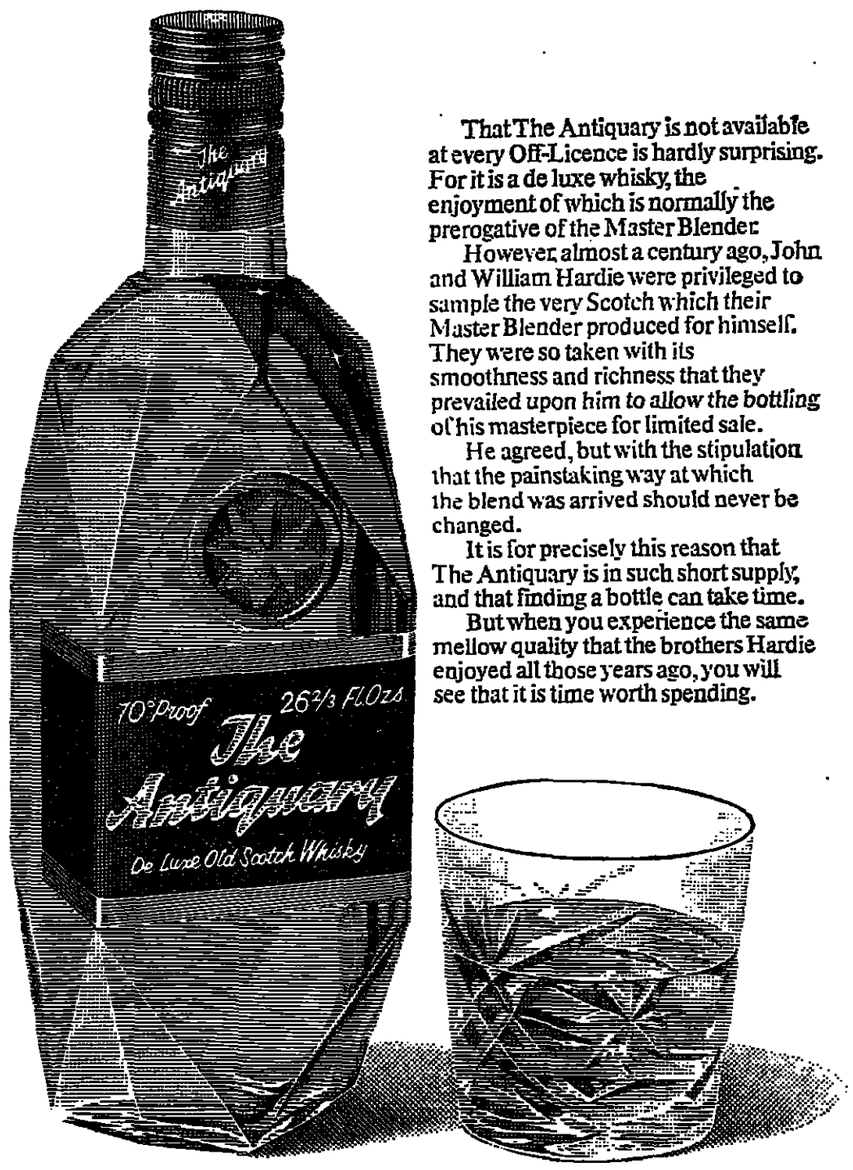
The reform bill also provides for the creation in each of the 20 Paris *arrondissements*, or districts, of consultative committees composed of local councillors. They would be consulted on all questions affecting the district. The present mayors and deputy mayors of the districts, who act merely as government-appointed registrars, would disappear.

The statute expected to emerge from the discussions in Parliament is likely to take the reform even further. The majority in the legal committee says the reform should be carried to its logical conclusion. Instead of a standing committee, the mayor should be able to summon the council for a special session whenever he thinks it necessary.

The Opposition wants direct elections to the consultative committees as the only way to developing real local democracy in Paris. The majority, which has dominated the Hotel de Ville since 1959, however wants to avoid the "balkanization" of Paris, by preventing control of some of the committees from falling into the hands of the opposition. That part of the reform is bound to provoke fierce controversy.

Some commentators say the government proposals stop short of creating the structures of a really active local democracy in Paris. The weight of the administration, although under a mayor instead of a prefect, would be likely to remain predominant, they say.

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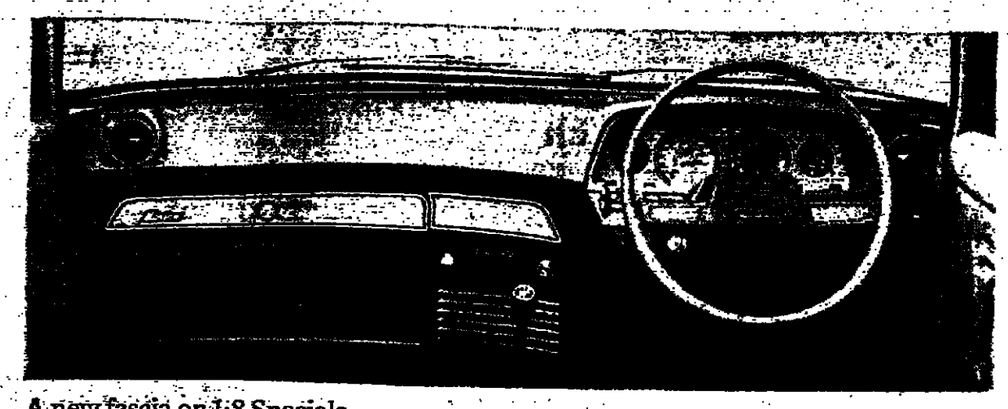
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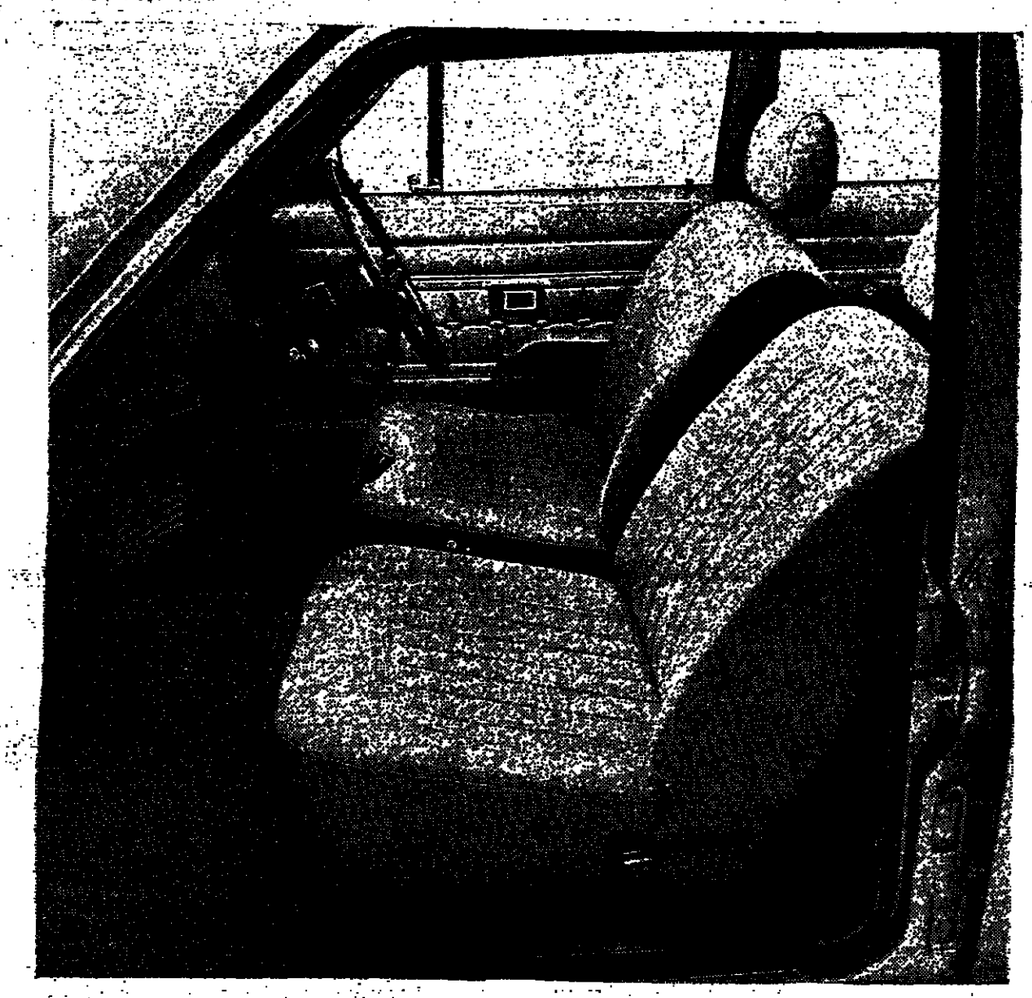
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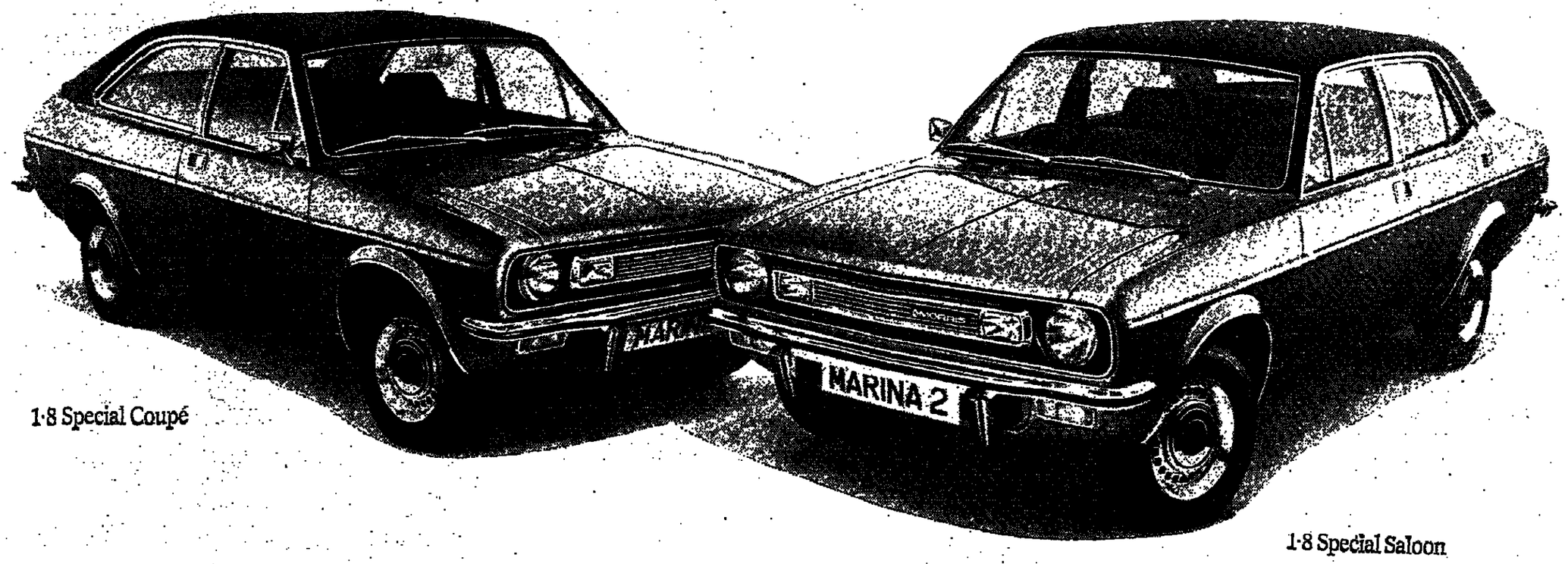
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Israel air attacks on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon leave 75 dead and 120 injured

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Dec 2

Israel jets today attacked three Palestinian refugee camps containing guerrilla military installations in north and south Lebanon, leaving at least 75 dead and 120 injured.

Many of the casualties were women and children, as residential areas of the camps, including a school, were bombed and rocketed in the hour-long attacks.

The strike was the heaviest to be launched against Palestinian targets this year and comes after the recent upsurge in terrorist activity into Israel. At least 30 fighter-bombers, diving in formations of six, pounded wide areas of the camps of Nahr al-Bared and Badawi, near th enorthern town of Tripoli, and Nabatieh, south of Sidon.

Palestinian guerrillas fired batteries of Sam 7 surface-to-air missiles at the attacking aircraft but none was reported hit. A Lebanese Government statement claimed also that Army anti-aircraft guns went into action in an attempt to thwart the raids.

Casualty figures continued to rise after the last raid just before midday. At nightfall bodies were still being unearthed from the tangle of destroyed buildings in the three camps. The police figure was 75 killed and 120 injured, while the guerrillas admitted 45 Palestinians dead and 93 wounded. They never include military personnel in their casualty counts.

Nabatieh, about 40 miles south of Beirut, was almost completely flattened by an Israel raid a year and a half ago, but many of its inhabitants carried on living there. The raid also spilled over into villages near by, and at least 12 Lebanese civilians were killed and more than a dozen buildings destroyed or damaged in the settlements of Kfar Tabneet and Hosseiniya.

Today's attacks were the first by Israel jets since they hit Palestinian camps round the southern city of Tyre on September 11. They were preceded by nine border clashes between Palestinian guerrillas and Israel troops, a bomb blast in Jerusalem and the recent guerrilla strike into the Israel-occupied Golan Heights, so they had been expected.

Although Palestinian forces have been on a constant state of alert in recent weeks in expectation of a reprisal by the Israelis, their energies have been sapped by involvement in the Lebanese civil war.

However, the use of large numbers of the Sam 7 anti-aircraft missiles in attempting to repel today's attacks emphasize the extent to which their forces have been reinforced from Syria.

Eric Marsden writes from Jerusalem: An Army spokesman specified here that one attack was on the headquarters of the Syrian-backed guerrilla group, Saiqa. Israel radio quoted reports from Beirut that a direct hit had been scored on a missile armoury of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The attacks, from which all aircraft returned safely, came one day after the United Nations Security Council resolution initiated by Syria calling for a full debate on the Middle East and the Palestinian problem.

The raids may have served the double purpose of reassuring Israelis that their Government is not intimidated by the United Nations resolution, and of providing retribution for the terrorist attack on the Ramat Magshimim kibbutz two weeks ago in which three religious soldiers were killed.

It was reported tonight that a Katyusha rocket fired from Lebanon landed near the border settlement of Kiryat Shmona, slightly injuring two people. Mortar shells were also fired from Lebanon, and landed close to the town of Metulla.

In another response today by Israel to the United Nations resolution, the Cabinet's settlement committee announced its approval of the establishment of four new Jewish settlements on the Golan Heights. This had been called for by religious nationalist leaders as "the only possible Jewish response" to the Security Council action and the recent vote condemning Zionism.

Israel's anger over the United Nations decision to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to attend the Middle East debate in January, and over the United States' failure to use its veto, has been only slightly assuaged by soothing messages from President Ford and Dr Kissinger.



The President and Mrs Ford, visiting the Temple of Heaven in Peking yesterday.

Soviet anger at Chinese leader's speech

Moscow, Dec 2.—Tass today fiercely castigated the anti-Soviet speech made by Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the Chinese deputy Prime Minister, at a banquet in honour of President Ford.

At the same time, it quoted Mr Ford without comment as saying that the United States would work to lessen dangers and would explore new opportunities for peace without illusions in its continuing efforts to make the world more peaceful.

Mr Teng Hsiao-ping's speech in Peking yesterday about the perfidy of the Soviet Union and the dangers of détente with the Russians was the repetition of a common anti-Soviet theme expressed often to visiting Western leaders. It brought the sharpest reaction in the Soviet press since the beginning of Mr Ford's visit to China.

According to Tass, the American journalists accompanying Mr Ford said that the Chinese speech was "so arrogant and so hostile to the policy of relaxation of tension" that the President had considered making "a more resolute reply" in his own speech.

In a tone of reassurance, Tass quoted an unnamed American newspaper as saying that President Ford would continue working toward a new strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union despite "the clamour raised by Teng Hsiao-ping" over American-Soviet détente.

The Chinese leader's "vicious attacks against the Soviet Union" showed how irritated the Peking leaders were "by the favourable changes which havetaken place in the political climate in Europe", especially after the Helsinki conference. *Tass said.*—AP.

Dr Kissinger hints at resignation

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Dec 2

Washington is once again awash with rumours that Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, is about to resign. He has been telling his friends that he is thinking of it, and his friends have been passing on the news to the attentive press, with the caution that Dr Kissinger often does things like this and has never resigned yet.

There are two reasons for the present revival of such gossip. The first is that the Secretary of State is again under sustained attack in Congress and sections of the press, while the President is not supporting him with his former fervour. The second that his foreign policy is strikingly unsuccessful.

A man who has been used to sparkling triumphs, a Nobel prize, ceaseless public acclaim and unhesitating support in the Administration must find his reduced position galling.

Another blow fell today while he was in Peking. The newspapers have published parts of a deposition by Mr John Erlichman, once one of Mr Nixon's closest assistants, on the wiretaps which were placed on the telephones of 17 people in the early 1970s. Mr Erlichman was giving evidence in one of the civil suits against the Government being brought by some of the victims, and he referred repeatedly to the "Kissinger taps".

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was trying to trace the source of leaks of secret information on foreign policy, and Dr Kissinger was involved in selecting the victims and evaluating the results. He has always maintained that his role in the operation was minor.

A worse blow was the recommendation that he be cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to produce classified documents for a congressional committee investigating intelligence matters. He considers that a dangerous attack on the workings of the Government which will have, or has already had, serious repercussions abroad. Now the Senate committee wants yet more documents on the Central Intelligence Agency. He has refused.

Those documents concern American intervention in Chile from 1970 to 1973. Answers Dr Kissinger gave to other committees in other times on the matter appear disingenuous, if nothing worse, in the light of the report on the CIA's assassination plots.

Dr Kissinger was also put in his place in the affair of Mr Daniel Moynihan. He appeared eagerly wanted to throw off American representative of the United Nations to the world and was instructed instead by the President, to announce that he gave Mr Moynihan every support. That was another sign of his waning influence in the White House. The most important was his loss of the post of Natioinal Security Adviser, which gave him control of the National Security Council staff.

That happened at the same time that Dr James Schlesinger, then Secretary of Defence, was dismissed, Dr Kissinger was also unhappy to see him go, but believed to be much less pleased at the choice of Mr Donald Rumsfeld to replace him.

On foreign policy, he has admitted that the only purpose of the Peking trip is to keep the pot simmering until the American and Chinese governments have resolved their domestic difficulties.

He may go to Moscow in the next month, in an attempt to salvage the strategic arms limitation negotiations, which might otherwise fail utterly. The fall of Vietnam has not been forgotten and his most important achievement, the disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt, seems to have led to a stalemate.

The chances are that he will not resign, and the President does not want him to, but it would not be surprising if he were devoting more time to thinking about the memoirs which he will undoubtedly begin when he does leave office, in January, 1977.

New York threatened with graver financial problems

From Frank Vogl
New York, Dec 2

A host of technical matters are now surfacing, which could undermine the efforts of New York state and city to avert bankruptcy. Some of them could become graver than most officials believe.

The city's university is revising some of its estimates of possible expenditure cuts and the new total of deductions may well be less than that desired by the city's budget office. The New York state's financial controllers' office is doing new sums to work out the probable budget deficit this year and initial estimates point to a much more serious situation than had first been expected, with a possible deficit of up to $750m (about £375m).

Then a new city tax on securities, introduced earlier this year in the hope of raising $60m, has ben found illegal and the local authorities have decided not to contest the court ruling. The money was needed to pay interest on outstanding notes issued by the state's Municipal Assistance Corporation.

Potentially the most serious problem centres on a law suit challenging the state's authority to force the conversion of outstanding city notes into either long-term bonds or medium-term notes with a lower interest rate. This case could affect $1,600m, vitally needed for the city.

If the city is defeated in the courts, then the outcome could be disastrous. A decision by the courts, at least one that determines whether the conversion of the notes can go ahead this week and next week, as had been planned, will probably be made in the next few days.

Bad harvest forces Soviet economy to slow down

From Our Correspondent
Moscow, Dec 2

A bad harvest was indicated today as the reason for a slowdown next year in the Soviet economic growth rate.

Mr Nikolai Baibakov, the state planning chief, in his report to the Supreme Soviet on the 1976 plan, projected an overall industrial output increase of only 4.3 per cent, compared to an actual performance of 7.5 per cent in 1975. Weather conditions, he said, had been "extremely unfavourable".

He gave no harvest figures, merely saying that next year's harvest target will be 14 per cent above the 1971-75 yearly average. A shortage of feed grain would adversely affect the livestock situation, he said.

Planned production increases are 25 per cent for fish, 10 per cent for potatoes, and 13 per cent for vegetables. No figures were given for meat and dairy products. The 1976-80 five-year plan as a whole will be presented to the party congress in February.

The budget for next year, outlined by Mr Vasily Garbuzov, the Finance Minister, envisages an expenditure of 223,500m roubles (the official exchange rate is 1.56 roubles to the pound). Of this amount, 114,400m roubles will be for the economy, 80,400m roubles for social and cultural purposes, and 2,000m roubles for control and management. Defence will take 17,400m roubles, exactly the same as this year. Foreign observers here suspect that details of spending on numerous other defence items are buried elsewhere.

Rumours that keep cropping up abroad about the impending retirement of Mr Brezhnev, the party secretary, for health or other reasons, should have been dispelled by the announcement that he is to deliver the main report at the February congress. These rumours have persisted even though all recent foreign visitors received by Mr Brezhnev have reported him looking well and in good spirits.

There is no sign that his workload is being lightened. At the plenum on Monday he personally delivered the report on the coming congress and also gave what the announcement described as a "big speech". The contents of the report and the speech have not been divulged.

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Western delegates walk out in WCC protest

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Dec 2

Twelve delegates from Britain, North America, Scandinavia and Switzerland walked out of a committee of the World Council of Churches assembly in Nairobi today in protest against what they considered undue emphasis on the use of violence to combat racism.

They later returned to the group, discussing "education and renewal", and presented a seven-point paper proposing changes in emphasis.

Among those who walked out were the Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, who said last week that many British Christians were unable to accept the proposition that violence was inevitable as a means of combating racism, and the Rev Eric Elliott, of the Church of Ireland, Belfast.

The incident was not entirely unexpected. Pressure from the WCC staff, with the support of many delegates, particularly those from Africa, for increased emphasis on the Programme to Combat Racism has produced a counter-reaction, particularly from European and North American delegates.

Mr Elliott said today's protest was set off by a statement that the purpose of education was to produce conflict and confrontation, together with the feeling that the "moderates" were not getting a fair hearing.

It was felt, he said, that the whole emphasis of the section and the assembly as a whole was too political and not sufficiently concerned with Christ's salvation and sin.

They did not wish to avoid political issues, but wanted them to be kept in perspective. In Northern Ireland, people were using such terms as "Jesus Christ frees and unites" as a justification for killing each other.

The Bishop of Truro said there was a trend to seek approval for documents drawn up by the WCC secretariat. "We think the policy of the WCC must come under closer scrutiny", he said.

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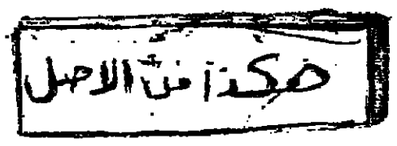
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VERSEAS

Mr Ennals may try to heal split among Rhodesian Africans in Lusaka talks with Mr Nkomo

From Frederick Cleary

...yury, Dec 2

Joshua Nkomo, the ...esian African leader, flies ...saka tomorrow to meet Mr ...d Ennals, British Minister ...ate at the Foreign Office, ...hursday. Mr Ennals pre- ...bly will want a full brief- ...an recent discussions Mr ... has had with Mr Ian ... the Rhodesian Prime ...er, and their signed ...ment to hold a constitu- ...conference.

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Mr Nkomo has given a clear indication that he will not invite any members of the Muzorewa faction to the constitutional meeting, the first plenary session of which should be held before Christmas. Asked if he would invite Bishop Muzewa or the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, he asked: "Are they members of the ANC?"

Mr Nkomo said the ANC congress had given him a mandate to include any willing and usable material in his team. He doubted whether these adjectives would apply to Bishop Muzorewa or Mr Sithole.

There is little optimism here about the outcome of the conference. Mr Patrick Bashford, the Centre Party leader, says any such conference must include representatives of the Muzorewa faction, otherwise an Angolan situation could develop here between warring tribal factions.

Mr William Harper, the former Rhodesian Front Cabinet Minister who is now leader of the right-wing United Conservative Party, said he was totally opposed to the conference. All sense of proportion had gone in Mr Smith's headlong rush in trying to get out of his problems. People who acted against the interests of the government for years could now enter Rhodesia with impunity to discuss the future of the country.

The country as a whole took the news of the conference with little or no reaction. Rhodesians have been down the conference road before and have grown used to failure.

Our Lusaka Correspondent writes: President Kaunda declared today that Zambia would welcome and support the current Rhodesian constitutional negotiations between Mr Nkomo and Mr Smith if they produced a settlement based on immediate majority rule.

The Zambian Head of State reiterated that in the event of the negotiations failing to produce majority rule "majority rule must be decided on the battlefield with all the consequences that this entails."

President Kaunda was speaking when he officially opened the fifth participatory democracy seminar of the defence forces in Lusaka. He said Zambia condemned the split in the leadership of the African National Council.

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Abdication of King expected in Laos

Vientiane, Dec 2.—The leaders of the Laotian Government and the Pathet Lao have met Crown Prince Vong Savang here amid speculation that King Savang Vatthana is considering abdication, informed sources said here today.

Political observers said the 78-year-old King might have already agreed to abdicate. The meeting on Sunday might have been held to discuss the mechanics of his stepping down.

The speculation on the King's future came as more members of the royal family fled to Thailand and the Pathet Lao appeared to be pursuing its plans to replace the present coalition Government.

A large number of Pathet Lao leaders, including Prince Souphanouvong, who is related to the King, were present at the meeting with the Crown Prince.

Prince Souvanna Phouma, the Prime Minister, who is also related to the King, was also there, the sources said.

King Savang Vatthana came to the throne in 1959, but was never crowned because of his belief that there should be no coronation while his country was in a state of civil war.

Informed sources have said the coalition Government of Prince Souvanna Phouma will be dissolved before the end of the year.

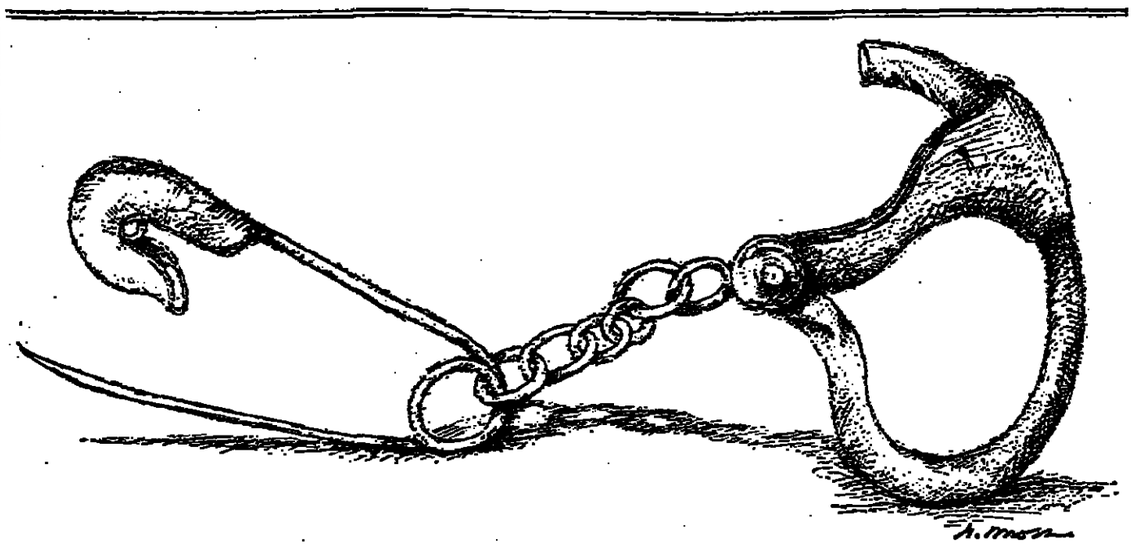
The Prince has already been reported to be living in semi-retirement in the royal capital of Luang Prabang.

Observers have said rightists in the coalition Government will be purged, giving full control of the country to the Pathet Lao.

Laotian newspapers reported today that the Foreign Ministry had told all foreign ambassadors that the 19-month-old coalition Government had become irrelevant to the situation in the country.

Rallies have been going on since Friday demanding the dissolution of the Government, in which rightist remnants still have equal representation with the dominant Pathet Lao.—Reuter.

Every woman's brief for a case of unlawful discrimination



If you are a woman and are refused a drink in a bar after midnight because you are alone, or if your employer denies you the training course he gives your male colleague, then you probably have a good case of unlawful discrimination. If, however, you want to work down a mine, join the Army, be ordained, or get a job in a male hospital, and you are turned down solely because you are a woman, then you have no case at all. Rights for Women, by Patricia Hewitt of the National Council for Civil Liberities, published today, is a guide to the Sex Discrimination Act. It is designed to help people start preparing the cases they can present after December 29—the day the new act becomes law.

The trouble is that the book, intended to present the workings of the law in as simple a way as possible, effectively reveals how tricky and nebulous they are. How for instance do you actually prove sex discrimination against the employer who says all applicants for a job as supervisor should have had a skilled job on the shop floor, when very few women have done apprenticeships? Or when a company gives fringe benefits to executives, but not to secretaries, and all their executives are men, and all their secretaries women? There is also the Genuine Occupational Qualification to contend with, a clause covering such jobs as male models, actors, masseurs, changing room attendants and export salesmen to Arab countries.

The area most likely to throw up legitimate, demonstrable cases on December 29 is that of employment (though the Equal Pay Act rather than the Sex Discrimination Act will deal with any arrangement over money included in a contract). The paradox here is that while cases of discrimination will possibly be easier to prove over promotion they are more likely to be reported over dismissal and redundancy. A woman in a job who is passed over for promotion may wait and hope for a more sympathetic manager, rather than jeopardize her chances with the firm.

But the following women seem to have cases that could be taken to court. The job of supervisor over a group of women assembling valves became vacant in a large factory. A number of men applied. So did a woman, from the same section, with appropriate supervisory experience from a feeder factory. The management favoured the woman's application. However the union opposed her nomination, and won the day.

In another firm, a key senior post of group personnel manager was created during reorganization of the company. A woman with 15 years' senior personnel manager experience applied. So did a couple of less qualified men. The woman's application was vetoed by a director—on the ground that it would be wrong to have a woman in a senior position talking to factories about their staff.

Both these women have strong cases. The reasons for not promoting them—that men need the money and the job more than women, who are probably married and supported anyway—will no longer be acceptable in the new year. They are the same reasons that traditionally get mentioned in redundancy cases, especially at times of economic cut back, as in the following instance.

An electronics firm was forced to make one clerical worker redundant. The choice was between an equally qualified and experienced man and woman. Both worked full time; both were married. The man had no children. The woman was paying for her children's education and supporting her son through college on her salary. Eventually she was dismissed.

The Sex Discrimination Act applies from December 29 to schools, colleges and universities. Single sex schools are not covered. However much you object to your daughter having no proper science room in her girls' school, and your son no cooking facilities in his boys' school, the governors of each school are not breaking the law, but the local education authority may be. But if the children go to the same school, and your daughter sews while your son does woodwork, and neither is allowed to switch, then the governors are breaking it, and can be reported.

Harder to prove, however, is the bias that undoubtedly exists in the recruitment of apprentices, especially in the engineering and building industries. This girl's experience is typical.

A 21-year-old girl, wanting to be a carpenter broke off her architectural training, and set up on her own as a builder. After a year she decided she needed proper training. She applied for a Construction Industry Training Board course which had "no upper age limit". From the start she was told that she was too old, but since she passed top in the practical test she was sent for interview. There she was rejected; once again the reason given was her age. She then applied directly to building companies for sponsorship, only to be told that they had already taken on all the apprentices that they needed. She later found that the boys who subsequently started training had been selected several weeks after her application had been turned down.

Housing, facilities and services all come under the Act, thereby making it illegal for a television rental firm to refuse to allow a married woman to rent a television unless her husband signs the form. Mrs Jones has a case. She works for an estate agency and is a joint householder with her husband. She recently decided to sell the house and did so through her firm. But while her male colleagues got free conveyancing, Mrs Jones was told she had to pay the full fee.

The new Act can hardly fail to produce some curious test cases. Like that of Mr Smith, a 61-year-old man retired on sickness benefit. He is arguing that since women of 60 get free bus passes, he should, too, even though the male retirement age to which the pass is linked starts at 65 rather than 60. (It should perhaps be remembered that when these retirement ages were introduced, they were not intended as discrimination in favour of women, but to enable men and women to retire about the same time. On average the women were almost five years younger than their husbands.)

The Janet and John school readers, which show John and his father invariably mending the car, while Janet and her mother cook and sew, are possible candidates for prosecution. After December 29 the use of words like barman, "Girl Friday" and waitress in advertisements, where it is assumed that the employer has every intention of discriminating, is of course illegal. But what do you do about the girl who passes her HGV licence test and finds it extremely hard to get a job as a lorry driver, despite an acute shortage of qualified drivers?

The Equal Opportunities Commission, based in Manchester, with its eventual £2.25m budget, the industrial tribunals (for complaints against employers) and the county courts (for complaints over education, housing) will be protecting men as well as women, aspiring male midwives as well as women bricklayers. And much that is not covered by the Sex Discrimination Act will be handled by the Equal Pay Act which comes into force the same day, and the Employment Protection Act. (The Social Security Pensions Act however is not due to come into effect until April, 1978.)

All these laws are complicated laws, and suffer from complicated and daunting enforcement procedures, so will possibly be more persuasive in influence than as a result of the cases they actually enforce. All the more so as the discrimination and prejudices about which many women complain are not of a kind that can be solved in legal terms—like the case of Miss Brown, aged 29, personnel administration officer in a large company, highly qualified, who was sacked after five months on the grounds that she was "over-enthusiastic about the work, and too dynamic and creative for the job". How can she possibly *prove*, as she believes, that her colleagues resented a woman in the job?

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Our Own Correspondent

...nesburg, Dec 2

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Harrier crashes

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Pictures released of captured Soviet arms

From Nicholas Ashford

Johannesburg, Dec 2

The South African Defence Department today released photographs of weapons allegedly captured from the left-wing Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA). The pictures showed Czechoslovak 82mm mortars and Russian 7.62mm submachine guns as well as weapons manufactured in West Germany and Italy.

Among other pictures released by the Defence Department was one of a hocked out Russian BRDM2 amphibian armoured car. The photograph was taken at Nobo Redondo. An Agolan port 400 miles north of the Angolan border with South-West Africa which was captured by the white mercenary-led Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) and Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) last month.

Admiral H. H. Biermann, Chief of the South African Defence Force, told South African military correspondents that the MPLA was better equipped than either the FNLA or Unita. Unless these movements received large-scale assistance from the West they would have difficulty in containing the MPLA, he added.

Polls show growing Fraser support

From Michael Leapman

Melbourne, Dec 2

The leaders of Ausyralia's two main political parties campaigned in greatly contrasting styles in Victoria today. Both showed much confidence, but two opinion polls published today indicate that Mr Malcolm Fraser, leader of the Liberal-National Country Party coalition, has a better reason for confidence that Dr Gough Whitlam, his Labour opponent.

A poll in The Age, Melbourne, based on a sample of 2,000 voters, shozed that the coalition has 52.3 per cent of the vote and Labour only 44 per cent; and a poll in the Sydney Daily Mirror indicated even greater support for Mr Fraser's side—54 per cent.

If either result is reflected in the actual voting on December 13, the Liberal-Country Party coalition should enjoy a comfortable majority of at least 20 seats.

Yet Mr Whitlam now clearly the underdog in this campaign, showed his customary confidence when he addressed an enthusiastic rally of some 5,000 people, mainly white collar workers, in the centre of Melbourne at lunch time. In his aggressive hectoring manner, he directed his attack at what he said were Dr Fraser's plans to make drastic cuts in health, education, welfare and urban programmes.

Other supporters handed out leaflets on abortion and on the danger to freedom posed by Mr Whitlam's dismissal. "Get prepared", some leaflets urged. When the former Prime Minister arrived multi-coloured balloons were released and they played the Australian national anthem.

Meanwhile, Mr Fraser had gone on to Bendigo, one of the old gold rush towns. Indeed, only this week a gold nugget was found there, said to be worth some £19,000. Now it is a centre for farming and the textile industry.

Many textile factories have closed in the past two years, due partly to the Labour Government's policy of allowing in cheap imports from Asia. So there is a high level both of unemployment and of resentment against Mr Whitlam. Mr Fraser did a quick walkabout in the shopping centre and was enthusiastically received.

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Trudeau 'interference' in police inquiry attacked

From Our Correspondent

Ottawa, Dec 2

Mr Trudeau has roused a storm of controversy by intervening to stop one of his Cabinet ministers from talking to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police about an investigation the police are conducting.

His action prompted Mr Robert Stanfield, the Conservative opposition leader, to charge the Prime Minister with *interfering* in the case, which involves windfall profits made by a senator from shares in a duty-free shop at Montreal international airport. No charges have been laid.

The senator, Mr Louis Giguere, is a former fund-raiser for the Liberal Party in Quebec, and there have been suggestions in Parliament that some of the profits may have gone to the party.

The case has generated ugly overtones, with a prominent French-speaking Cabinet minister accusing English Canada of hypocritically believing that the standard of public morality is lower in Quebec than in the rest of the country.

Two weeks ago the police raided the Montreal home of Senator Giguere and seized a number of files. The raid followed public disclosures that the senator had made $95,000 (about £47,000) on an investment of $5,000 in Sky Shops Exports Ltd. The federal Government renewed the company's airport concession three years ago.

Last week, the investigation spread to Ottawa with the police making an appointment to interview Mr Jean Marchand, Minister without Portfolio, who was the leader of the federal Liberal Party in Quebec at the relevant time.

A television reporter got wind of the appointment and arranged to have a camera crew film the arrival of the police investigators. When he saw the television equipment, Mr Marchand telephoned Mr Trudeau, who told him not to allow himself to be interrogated until he (Mr Trudeau) had asked Mr Maurice Nadon, the police commissioner, about the possible press tip-off.

"I want to know how this happened and I am going to discuss with the commissioner how it *did* happen", Mr Trudeau explained in the Commons that same afternoon.

Mr Stanfield commented that the Prime Minister's intervention "lends itself to the interpretation of trying to create some kind of distraction".

He suggested that Mr Trudeau, "having interfered personally with the investigation", should call a full judicial inquiry into the Sky Shops affair. The Prime Minister did not accept the suggestion.

The next day, Mr Trudeau, after meeting Mr Nadon, backpedalled on his implication that the police might have tipped off the press about their intention to interrogate Mr Marchand. His information now was that it had not been so, he said.

In the meantime, Mr Trudeau's Health Minister, Mr Marc Lalonde, gave vent to some strong feelings about the attitude of English-Canadians toward French-speaking Quebec. He agreed in an interview with an Ottawa television reporter that there was a feeling in much of English Canada that a "different" standard of public morality obtains in Quebec. But there was a lot of hypocrisy about it.

"When you dig and find what is also happening in English Canada in many respects in its private corporations and governments . . . I have not found our English-speaking confreres in business or in any sphere to be that more pure and saintly."

Students jailed in Seoul

Seoul, Dec 2.—In unusual secrecy, seven Roman Catholic students were today sentenced to prison terms of between four and 10 years for anti-Government activities last May.

After 13 of their colleagues had been given sentences in open court of between 18 months and eight years and two were sent for a retrial, the seven others were taken into the senior judge and sentenced there.

Relatives, priests and nuns, and press waiting in the courtroom rushed out as they saw all the defendants leaving in a prison bus. One called out: "I got eight years in a secret session."

All 22, were charged with forming a student committee at the Myongdong Roman Catholic cathedral in Seoul in order to organize demonstrations against the Government and the constitution.—AP.

The heartache in facing the facts of a stillborn baby

In my last article I wrote about the needs of parents of stillborn babies and how hospital staff could help them in their grief and loss. More than any other subject on which I have written this has produced a relative flood of letters. The vast majority of these were from mothers who had experienced a stillborn baby and were now writing to express their feelings of grief which had been pent up for years—often very many years.

Several of those who wrote said this was the first time they had ever expressed their feelings about this unhappy time. Sometimes I was told that the painful subject could be discussed between husband and wife but often I read sentences such as "My husband and I never speak of it as it is too painful and even our children do not know of it". One mother wrote: "Eventually my first husband and I were divorced, we both agree that the break up originated from the inability to cope adequately with the loss of our child." A Catholic mother having recovered her feelings sufficiently to plan the funeral arrangements for her stillborn baby found that she was too late because the hospital authorities had already burnt her baby.

Many of those who wrote expressed their feelings of bitterness about hospital staff who seemed callous. A few said they were aware that this apparent indifference on the part of staff was due to their inadequacy in dealing with such a painful situation.

The vast majority of mothers who wrote wished to see their dead baby even if the baby was malformed. It was those who did not see the baby who were particularly bitter. One mother who knew her baby was dead, since this had been confirmed by the consultant, described her delivery. "The nurse on duty kept telling me I could be wrong. While there's life there's hope. She delivered the baby without a word, and I waited (like a fool) for the cry. No cry so I asked the nurse—who said nothing—Is it dead? She said Yes, dead and I asked Is it a boy or a girl?, and she said Boy. I made to sit up to see it—I couldn't bear the silence—she made me lie down. I never saw the baby."

Many who had not seen their baby were told "what you haven't seen you don't miss", which only made matters worse.

Several mothers described their feelings about the lack of a grave. One wrote: "The baby was buried in a communal grave before we realized. We were informed of the position of the grave, but on visiting it with flowers were made more desolate because there was only a flat stretch of ground there, with no feeling of visiting our son. We felt he had been buried like so much rubbish, in fact with no acknowledgment of his much wanted, brief, existence."

Another mother wrote: "Although we now have three lovely children there is a gap that can never be filled. I may never have seen or touched our second child but he was part of the family and greatly loved. In the depth of my grief I was very tempted to take babies from their prams. Especially those that didn't look cared for and particularly one I knew wasn't wanted."

One letter in particular sums up so many of these points: "My experience as a nurse and also a mother who has experienced the loss of a baby has made me realize at first hand the importance of what you say.

"I, unfortunately, had an emergency Caesarian section in Kenya at 33 weeks. When I finally returned to consciousness several hours later I asked about the baby. I was told I had a baby girl and that she was all right, but only about 4lb in weight. I then asked if I could see her, but was then told she was too ill to be moved and so was I. The next thing I knew was hearing my husband and five-year-old boy outside the door (having driven 400 miles to the hospital) being told that the baby had died and that I was too ill to be told. I was too upset to say anything in front of my five-year-old, who was terrified at the sight of me. When I asked later to see the baby I was told she had already been buried. My husband was too concerned about me to see the baby, so, although she in fact lived for over 12 hours neither of us ever saw her.

"Whenever I said anything about the baby I was told all babies were the same anyway. I felt at the time, and still do, that I was far more upset because I hadn't been allowed any contact than I would have been otherwise. Nobody seemed to understand my feelings.

"After our return to Africa I went back to the hospital and asked to see where the baby girl was buried, but they couldn't remember the exact spot 'Somewhere in the cemetery' I was told (the hospital was a small Catholic mission hospital in North Kenya). They were all terribly kind, but I still feel a great emptiness and find myself wondering 'what did she look like?'. I also get (I had it at the time too) an irrational feeling that perhaps I could have helped her in some way.

"Your article made me feel for the first time since it happened that my feelings are not so unnatural as I had feared".

Of course there are doctors, nurses and social workers who are helping the parents of stillborn babies but, I suspect that none of us is aware of the amount of unrelieved grief and bitterness resulting from lack of help at the time. Certainly I didn't when I wrote the article.

One very encouraging result of the article has been the number of paediatricians who have contacted me to express the concern they feel at not having previously considered the needs of parents of stillborn children. A woman paediatrician, in making this point to me, explained that when she discussed the article with her non-medical husband he had expressed great surprise that doctors hadn't naturally expected parents to hold their dead baby and to be involved in the funeral.

Some mothers described the help they were given by being asked by staff for the baby's name; some were comforted by being asked if they wanted the baby to be christened. Most striking was the help these bereaved mothers had received from other mothers who had experienced the same loss. Clearly this is an area where the Society of the Compassionate Friends can help, as it is composed of parents who, having lost a child, now wish to help others work through their grief.

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Incomes policy must continue beyond current wage round

House of Commons

MR TAPSELL (Horncastle, C), during questions to the Prime Minister, asked: What is the reply to those who say the Queen's Speech did not honour the undertakings given to them at the recent Chequers conference? In view of the growing financial, economic, and unemployment situation, what proposals have the Government to restore confidence to industry? (Conservative cheers.)

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), who replied on Mr Wilson's behalf, said: I have noted the statement by Sir Ralph Bateman and others, who have their constituents no less than Opposition MPs. I also noted Sir Ralph, in his speech yesterday, pointed out that next year will be a critical year for Britain and he believed it could be the year in which we set our economy on that course it has failed to follow ever since the Second World War—a steady improvement in our relative performance compared with other parts of the world. I hope we shall have the support of the Opposition and of both sides of industry in ensuring that this is the turning point in this sense.

MR SILLARS (South Ayrshire, Lab) said there was concern about the point of re-entry for the wage policy.

Have the Government (he said) plotted the re-entry course and when shall we get a statement in the new year?

MR HEALEY—The Government have made it clear on numerous occasions that they believe it would be a great mistake to win one battle and then lose the war. Therefore, it will be necessary to continue an incomes policy following the end of the current wage round.

We will be discussing this problem with both sides of industry during the coming year and we are confident of reaching agreement on an adequate policy in good time before the next wage round begins.

MR WHITELAW, deputy leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C)—How can the Chancellor expect the leaders of industry and the House to help confidence and investment when the Government persist in the nationalization of shipbuilding and aircraft? (Conservative cheers.)

MR HEALEY—I think Mr Whitelaw, whose integrity we respect, would not believe that it would advance the reputation of any government to betray the promises on which they fought and won the last general election. (Conservative interruptions.) We have no intention of doing so.

Much more far-reaching measures needed to deal with jobless

MR TORNEY (Bradford, South, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State for Employment was satisfied with the accuracy of the monthly unemployment figures.

MR MICHAEL FOOT—Figures relate to people who register as unemployed. This is a well defined basis used by successive administrations o[ver] many years and I am satisfied at the continuation.

MR TORNEY—Is Mr Foot aware that the Centre for Policy Studies are saying the monthly unemployment figures are misleading?

MR FOOT—Yes, I am aware of the claims made by the Centre for Policy Studies and it is their claims that are misleading. The CPS misleads when they subtract large numbers from the published unemployment total and describe the reduced figure as the actual unemployment figure.

I do not wish to discourage intelligent analysis of the unemployment statistics and my department is publishing full information to facilitate and encourage an informed appraisal of the unemployment position.

The basis of the statistics is clearly set out and it is untenable to claim they are misleading. I think the CPS are doing a grave disservice to the proper discussion of this subject by trying to minimize the serious and appalling figures with which we are faced.

SIR JOHN HALL (Wycombe, C)—One of the most significant figures in the employment statistics is the number of vacancies. However, many employers do not notify to the local employment offices of their vacancies. Therefore the figures are suspect. What action is Mr Foot taking to give a more accurate figure?

MR FOOT—Anything that can be done to get employers to notify vacancies as much as possible would be of assistance. But it would be wrong on that account to think the figures we are publishing are misleading. The basis on which they are formulated is known and it is wrong to suggest they are giving a misleading picture to the country.

MR FERNYHOUGH (Jarrow, Lab)—The figures can be misleading in as much as some thousands of people who had a magnificent golden handshake at 61 and 62 years of age and have no intention of ever again going back to work regularly, go to the exchange week by week for the purpose of reserving their pension rights. That is one contribution to the misleading figure that should be looked into.

MR FOOT—I do not think that would alter the total figures to any significant degree. The CPS is trying to pretend the actual unemployment figures could be almost cut in half by the methods they employ. That is a quite false representation of the situation. The figures are serious and there should be no attempt to minimize their importance.

MR HAYHOE, an Opposition spokesman on employment (Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth, C)—Whatever the arguments over the detailed interpretation of figures, however one looks at them the unemployment figures have doubled in the lifetime of the present Government and will continue at record levels during next year. Can Mr Foot indicate when the figures will be coming down?

MR FOOT—The figures have certainly gone up seriously over the past year and a half or more just as they have in all other western countries. In some other countries they have gone up a good deal further than in this country. The cause of the problem cannot be sought solely in events that have happened in this country.

With regard to measures to deal with it, something can be done—only something—I do not want to exaggerate—by the kind of measures the Government announced in September and further measures of that character.

I fully agree with those Labour MPs who insist that much more far-reaching measures than that will be required to deal with the full unemployment problem and it is to those measures as well as to intermediate measures that we must apply our minds.

MR FOOT, replying to other questions, said that the latest figures for November 13 showed that 1,120,137 were registered unemployed in Britain. It was not possible to make firm estimates each month of those unsuited to regular fulltime work.

MR ALFRED EVANS (Caerphilly, Lab)—In order to avoid confusion in the tragic circumstances we are discussing, would he give his opinion of the figures published by the Centre for Policy Studies for October which amounted to about half the figure of the total. Would the department investigate the basis on which the centre arrived at its decisions and publish the findings?

MR FOOT—We regard the statistics put out by the CPS as misleading. We think they do not do any service to the situation. We fully favour detailed discussion of the unemployment figures but not for the purpose of trying to pretend the problem is not extremely serious. It is extremely serious. We want the facts to be known.

MR ROBIN COOK (Edinburgh, Central, Lab)—Can the Secretary of State confirm that he is specifically rejecting the view of the CPS that 250,000 unemployed people were unsuited for regular employment. Many of us welcome his rejection of the interpretation of the figures by the CPS and are grateful for his assurance that he will not accept advice from those who seek to minimize the unemployment problem.

MR FOOT—That is one of the particular claims which should be repudiated. We think it is wrong that a body should be spreading the story that several thousands are unsuited for regular fulltime work when they are looking for the work but cannot get it.

MR HENDERSON (Aberdeenshire, East, Scot Nat) said the figure for unemployment in Scotland was unacceptable to the people of Scotland. The Government's credibility would be severely tested by their decision over Chrysler at Linwood.

MR FOOT—I fully accept the figure for unemployment in Scotland is unacceptable just as it is in Wales and England and areas like Merseyside. In Scotland it is bad, but it is bad in other areas too.

A major objective of Government policy must be to take a whole series of concerted measures to try to bring this figure down. One part of these measures must be to deal with inflation, which is part of the cause and part of the problem. But there has to be a whole series of measures designed to deal with this tragic problem. I am not seeking to minimize it in any way at all.

MR PRIOR, chief Opposition spokesman on employment—The Government and their supporters are responsible for the state of employment. (Labour protests.) Would it not be more honest and less hypocritical for him to admit that his past policies, the failure to control inflation, and the so-called social contract have been in large part responsible for our unemployment, instead of trying to worm out of it by attacking the CPS. (Conservative cheers and Labour shouts of protest.)

MR FOOT—Even Mr Prior has a duty to try to understand the problem if he wishes to arrive at any correct analysis of why we have these problems. He has to take into account not only the heavy unemployment we have in this country but the heavy unemployment we have in the western world. No description of the situation which leaves out of account those factors can provide a correct diagnosis.

Moreover, he must also understand that one of the main causes of the recession in this country and the western world has been the oil crisis and the increase in oil prices and even more maybe the way in which different countries reacted to it.

We sought to secure a more sensible policy of reacting to it than some other countries. In our advice on it had been followed unemployment would have been a good deal more manageable than it has been. We intend to take all the steps we can to overcome it.

MR PRIOR—It would be more honest if he admitted that in the election only 15 months ago the Prime Minister went around the country saying unemployment was under control and likely to fall. Why have they not got the guts to admit they were wrong? It is about time they resigned. (Conservative cheers.)

MR FOOT—I do not know why he should be huffing and puffing so much.

MR PRIOR—Because I am worried about unemployment.

MR FOOT—He is worried about his own possibilities of employment. Maybe that is it.

If he wanted to contribute to a debate he should understand the real causes and not be content with his present . . . (loud Conservative protests and Labour cheers.)

Future of aircraft industry depends on ability to sell in world markets

The Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill dealt with the real world of the shopfloor, the research laboratory, and the sales contract, and not arid political generalities or statistical abstractions, MR VARLEY, Secretary of State for Industry (Chesterfield, Lab), said when moving the second reading of the Bill.

He said it fulfilled a pledge contained in both Labour manifestos in the 1974 general elections. It dealt with two industries which were in need of structural change and reorientation to achieve greater efficiency.

The Government had decided that a similar prescription was right for each industry. The British aerospace industry was in many ways successful. It was the largest and most comprehensive aerospace industry in Europe and second only to the United States industry in the Western world in terms of size and technical pre-eminence.

The British industry was profitable but it could achieve more. It faced big and immediate problems and the civil side, particularly, was faced with bleak and uncertain prospects. They needed to achieve better ways of marketing their undoubted technical excellence.

The case for a merger between the main aerodrome companies was strong and had widely based support. The industry was strong on technical achievements and second to none with such projects as the Harrier vertical take-off military aircraft and Concorde. Its efficiency would be enhanced by progressive concentrations into fewer units.

Export orders stand high (he said), but as a country we can no longer afford the luxury of two groups, sometimes competing wastefully against each other in world markets and failing to realize the economy that a merger and rational structure would permit.

Their aircraft and guided weapons overlapped and competed directly. The companies had design teams engaging in speculative design studies. Their discussions had been uncoordinated, if not actively competitive.

There was a need for rationalization, and it was vital that all of them, including the workers in the industry, faced up to what that meant; rationalization was a word which had acquired overtones of ruthless dismissal, cutting investment and so on.

It is no good believing (he said) that we can go on producing what we cannot sell. The size of the industry, like the size of any industry, and the future of individual workers depends ultimately on the ability of the industry to sell products in world markets.

More efficiency and productivity was required. The Government hoped to achieve a sensibly planned reduction of capacity in full cooperation with the unions over a period, mainly by controlled recruiting which would almost certainly be necessary.

With reorganization of resources under unified control, and with the right projects and collaboration, the aircraft industry could realize its full potential. Manpower reductions on their own would solve no problems; the merger of the main groups would improve the quality of the products, choice, and decisions.

We shall be able to fight for our place in world markets (he said) and provide sufficient competitive stimulus without having to compete with ourselves as well. Adding to that the rationalization of production, we shall be able to spread workloads and it should be possible to ensure that work is organized on the most efficient pattern.

There was scope for geographical rationalization and for rationalization between civil aircraft plants and between military aircraft plants. Some reorganization would also be possible on the design and development side. It was arguable, in some circumstances that competition between design teams should be stopped.

It was a matter which the new corporation and the organizing committee would have to consider in the first instance. It should be possible to eliminate wasteful deployment in that area and deploy resources more efficiently.

There will be administrative savings from duplicated services (he said) and sales operations will be able to cover a wide range of consumer needs. (Conservative protests.)

The Government were convinced that a merger between the two big groups offered great opportunities of doing things more efficiently and more cheaply and of selling more British goods by the better pooling of resources.

Structural reorganization of the industry had long been talked of. Everyone knew that the firms had to be merged, but under private enterprise this had not happened, nearly a decade after it became clear that it should.

Private enterprise has failed in this respect (he said) and has failed to deliver the goods. (Conservative cries of "Nonsense".)

That was one unanswerable argument for nationalization. Other arguments were equally strong. It was becoming increasingly clear in the aerospace sector that the private sector was not able to finance the huge scale of private projects from its own resources. The provision of public money on that huge scale could not be called a genuine example of private enterprise and it would be far better that that massive public spending should be based on public ownership.

When it was provided to the private sector it meant detailed monitoring to achieve the degree of accountability expected by the House of Commons. If public money was channelled into publicly owned undertakings accountability could be at the strategic and corporate level.

Detailed intervention by Government could be dispensed with. The Conservatives when in Government could have taken much more active steps to have brought about a merger of the two main companies.

The monitoring which had had to take place in the industry had been of terrifying proportions and public ownership would at least overcome that difficulty. But the main argument for it was that the workers, expressing their wishes and aspirations through their unions, had made it abundantly clear that they wanted the industry they worked in to be taken into public ownership. That also went for the workers in Scottish Aviation.

The Government wanted public ownership, not because they or the workers in the aircraft industry wanted to subsidize aircraft that nobody wanted but because the change to public ownership but change to public ownership would make possible the structural efficiency of the industry.

The scope of companies to be nationalized were those companies in Great Britain making complete aircraft and guided missiles where the turnover exceeded £7.5m in the relevant year. This excluded helicopters because the Government did not think there would be any significant advantage in terms of economies or increased flexibility. Nor did the Government believe there was a strong case for bringing the equipment manufacturers within the airframe industry.

The main object of the nationalization was to achieve a structural reorganization of the airframe industry. On the other hand it was not sensible to put strict barriers in the way of further acquisitions if it seemed sensible, under conditions then prevailing, that a particular industry should be brought within the nationalized organization.

The nationalization of the shipbuilding industry was equally compelling. The intention of the Bill was to take over all the main companies in Great Britain in the shipbuilding, ship repairing and slow speed diesel engine building. The shipbuilding industry provided a balance of payments benefit of about £200m each year.

The history of the British shipbuilding industry over the past 20 years has been one of decline. The number of ships launched had fallen from 26 per cent of the world output in 1955 to less than 4 per cent last year. Over the same years world output had grown at an annual rate of just over 10 per cent a year while the output of the British shipbuilding industry had fallen from 1,400,000 gross registered tons to 1,200,000 gross registered tons.

Britain's output was one sixteenth of that of Japan and half that in Sweden and Germany. Britain remained the only major shipbuilding country in the world not to achieve any growth in output over the last 20 years.

Since 1966 a total of £299m had been given or committed by the taxpayer to promote reorganization and new investment in the industry. That figure excluded investment grants, regional development grants, and other assistance to industry in general.

Only the aircraft industry in the private sector had received more taxpayers' money. Claims on the public purse from the shipbuilding industry were likely to grow even more.

A large proportion of the money had gone to three companies already under Government control—Govan Shipbuilders, which were nationalized by the Conservatives, Harland and Wolff, and Cammell Laird.

While there were exceptions, in general the shipbuilding industry was still suffering from outdated facilities, bad labour relations, weak financial control, and late deliveries.

New investment was higher in each of Britain's competitor countries, twice as high in Germany, five times as high in Sweden, and seven times as high in Japan.

Britain built ships of as high quality as any in the world, but was unable to make sufficient profits, partly because of shortcomings on the commercial side of the business.

They could not achieve all the things they wanted to achieve for the shipbuilding industry with the fragmented structure they had at the moment.

Nationalization (he said) offers an opportunity to make a fresh start in this industry.

It had been agreed by all concerned that what was needed was a strategy for a coordinated national shipbuilding policy that would enable the shortcomings and difficulties to be dealt with on an industry-wide basis.

I am convinced (he said) that if we are to save shipbuilding it is only on the basis of public ownership. Without nationalization we will miss the last available chance to put industry on a better course for the future.

The corporation would be required to have full regard to the need to promote industrial democracy so that workers would be entitled to be involved in the decisions which affected their livelihoods.

The present relationship between workers and management was one of conflict and must be placed on a much more constructive basis. The unions would have to contribute to this process.

What went for shipbuilding went equally for ship repairing where the problems were remarkably similar—insufficient investment, outmoded facilities, poor labour relations, and late delveries.

To ensure that the necessary changes occurred the Government proposed to take into public ownership the largest ship repairers situated on the main estuaries. In most instances shipbuilding could realistically be separated from ship repairing.

The Bill also provided for the acquisition of the builders of slow speed diesel marine engines whose fortunes were bound up with those of the shipbuilders. The performance of marine engine builders had not been outstanding.

Both industries faced grave difficulties. The world's civil aviation market had been depressed for some time and no early revival could be expected. When the market improved there would be more promising opportunities for the aircraft industry and the new corporation would be ready to make the most of them.

In shipbuilding the prospects throughout the world were bleaker than at any time in the past 20 years. Many British yards would find themselves in difficulties in finding new orders by the middle of next year.

It was of paramount importance that the new corporation should overcome the weaknesses which it would inherit with the industry. It was a task of great urgency and vital importance to thousands of workers, particularly those in the economically weaker areas of Britain, and it was of the greatest importance that the corporation succeeded.

The Government's proposals for the shipbuilding and aircraft industry were part of the programme to instigate and encourage new investment to restore British industry to a competitive position in the home market. They were part to of the object of changing the structure of industry to ensure that it was more responsive to the needs of the economy.

Unemployment benefi[t] and closed shop: Mr Foot retaliates

MR GOW (Eastbourne, C) asked whether the Secretary of State for Employment was satisfied with the operation of the closed shop now in force for employees of the British Railways Board.

MR MICHAEL FOOT (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—The operation of the closed shop agreement between the British Railways Board and the railway unions is a matter for the parties concerned in the industry.

MR GOW—Does not the Secretary of State think it is a serious erosion of individual freedom where all future entrants into the employment of British Rail must belong to a union regardless of deeply held religious beliefs or convictions of conscience?

Will he confirm that any present employee of British Rail who is dismissed because he refuses to join a union will be entitled to unemployment benefit?

MR FOOT—He has given a misrepresentation of the agreement that has been reached between British Rail and the unions. It is a post-entry agreement in any case. The agreement in general has taken into full account decisions made by the House of Commons on the subject. That is the right way for them to proceed.

No dismissals of British Rail employees have yet taken place and therefore the question of eligibility for unemployment benefit does not arise.

Perhaps I might add, in view of the grotesque misrepresentation that has appeared in the newspapers in the last day or two that I have no powers whatever over the decisions of the Commissioners and others concerned with the payment of unemployment benefit. That does not enter into my power or province in any way.

The leading article in *The Times* today, for example, was based on wrenching one single sentence out of a whole letter, the rest of which most of them did not print.

On that basis they called me a fascist. I can only return the compliment by saying that that shows the discrimination and taste of Dr Goebbels.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—Many of us, I would hope most, indeed all, of us, would take strong exception to the leading article in *The Times* today. To suggest that Mr Foot is a fascist or anything like a fascist is grotesque.

Many of us, including myself, have over the years suffered because we have been dismissed by employers and been without unemployment benefit, quite wrongly, because we have had an argument with the foreman and then been dismissed on the basis of industrial misconduct.

We need to look at this matter in order to protect workers rather than the other way round.

MR FOOT—I agree. That is quite a different question. The circumstances in which unemployment benefit is paid has nothing to do with this other question. The two matters are distinct. For anyone to try and push them together is misrepresentation of the facts.

MR PRIOR, Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—Mr Foot talks about decisions made by this House. On this side we expressed concern during the passage of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill, and now the amendment Bill, at the erosion of personal liberty that his measures are leading to.

It would be wise, in view of the great anxiety in the nation about the erosion of personal liberty, if he were to look at the amendment Bill again and drop it.

MR FOOT—What I said was literally fact. The British Rail agreement takes full account of the decisions taken by this House, decisions on which, on this subject, Conservative MPs agreed.

It is a fact that the Opposition have agreed that the closed shop should no longer be illegal. We do they not acknowledge that that is the fact? That is the situation as I understand it. Do not [th]em make these accusations.

We are deeply concerned to ensure that the liberty of the individual shall be protected in the unions, and the proposals which we are putting forward for dealing with the matter, and with which the General Council of the TUC are fully in agreement, are measures which can protect individuals as well as trade unionists better than any proposals made by the Conservatives.

MR PRIOR—Mr Foot is quick to complain about misrepresentation by other people. He does not hesitate to misrepresent the views of the Opposition, and a lot of other people, on every possible occasion.

We have always tried to write safeguards for the individual into any provision for the closed shop, including proper safeguards for expulsion or exclusion where we believe there should be an independent tribunal for this purpose and not a trade union organization which will be judge and jury in its own case.

MR FOOT—It is not a question of trade unions being judge and jury in their own case. We have argued this matter on many occasions and on many occasions the House has voted for the view I accept.

We believe that those proposals will provide better safeguards for trade unionists than were provided before.

He is running away from the fact that he and his colleagues sought to deal with this matter by outlawing the closed shop. It was a policy which was proved not to work. We have sought a better protection for both the trade unionists and individuals concerned.

During later questions to the Secretary of State for Employment,

MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) asked: Would Mr Foot regard a man who belonged to the wrong trade union as being unsuited to employment? Would he not agree that in giving nods and winks to the tribunal which will bear the case of the Shrewsbridge six, he was behaving in a grossly improper way? He was attempting to influence the decision of a tribunal and deny those men had been denied even the right to work the right to unemployment pay.

MR FOOT—I repudiate entirely all the suggestions Mr Tebbit has made. The only excuse that can be made for his utterance now—as before—is that he was precipitately basing himself on the single sentence or two of my letter which had been circulated by Mr Stevenson. If he had read the whole of my letter he could not have failed to give rise to the circulation of complete misrepresentation which he has repeated in the House.

If he had read the whole letter, which has not been published, to my knowledge, by a single newspaper—he would not have made such misrepresentations.

Mr Heseltine attacks Labour's 'cynical dereliction of duty'

MR HESELTINE, chief Opposition spokesman for industry (Henley, C), said that the Government, faced with the problems of two totally different industries, had only one response—nationalization. Far from solving the intransigent problems of industry, experience had shown that nationalization worsened the situation. Currently the losses of nationalized industries were £1,000m a year.

The Bill broke new ground in a number of ways. It was unprecedented for two dissimilar industries to be nationalized in one Bill, for two industries to be nationalized in a one day debate, for 43 companies to be nationalized by one minister, and for 140,000 workers to be transferred from the private to the public sector without any but the most slender of reasons. It seemed the more indefensible the action, the shorter the legislative process.

By no argument could it be supposed that the aerospace industry had failed the nation. In the last 10 years the industry had contributed £3,300m to exports. In 1974 the record export total was £600m and for the first 10 months of this year it had reached £653m. An additional order of £180m was placed today. In the last 10 years BAC and Hawker Siddeley contributed more by way of tax on profits than was contributed by the whole of the nationalized industries put together.

What began for the industry as a partnership with the private sector often working for the Ministry of Defence or the Department of Industry had without notice, without agreement, become an arbitrary claim to convert that partnership into takeover.

It is (he said) a remorseless process. To accept it in any concept is utterly impossible of this side of the House.

The situation was more serious simply because there was no strategy or apparent leadership for the future in the aerospace industry.

In terms of work for the factories the gap between what Europe would require and what it would produce over the next 20 years was measured in thousands of millions of pounds. Britain's priority should be to close that gap. It could only be done by pressing on with the European integration which was so obvious a solution to the long-term interests of the aerospace industry.

But this had conflicted with the Government's nationalization obsession and did not suit their anti-European prejudice. For two years there had been a cynical dereliction of duty with no policy, no direction, and no initiative. As the Government pursued their narrow dogmatic aims they had left a policy vacuum which would have consequences in prejudicing the long-term viability of the British civil industry.

On shipbuilding, the question the House should be debating was that world over-capacity in this industry was estimated at 40 to 50 per cent. Certain countries were expanding their capacity. The question was what was likely to be the future role of the United Kingdom shipyards.

The Government for two years had produced no answers to the problem. They had persistently turned down every offer from the industry to start on the reappraisals that were needed. They had put off solutions and made them more painful as inevitably they would become.

As a result of the nationalization proposals not only would the least efficient parts of the industry not be saved but the strongest parts would be seriously weakened. Nationalization posed special threats to the warship builders.

Overseas governments would undoubtedly fear the closer relationship that would come from buying their equipment from nationalized yards in a country whose Government was increasingly prone to interfere for political reasons in the list of customers they might supply.

For two priceless years, when the order books were full and when something could have been done, the Government held no dialogue about the future. When the crisis was nearly on them their only response was to set up a nationalized body. Not one single idea had been heard of the plans that were to flow from that body on how the industry's performance would be improved.

The threat of nationalization had destroyed the industry's ability to solve its own problem. The question the House should ask was whether it would not have been better for the Government to have redeployed the assets rather than pouring more money into where they had already lost it.

He was concerned about the effect of the terms of compensation on individual companies and the general economic situation. The method proposed had more to do with confiscation than compensation. The terms had no relation to the asset value of the companies concerned.

Compensation would be paid in Government stock and this would affect the gilt market, tending to increase interest rates in general. Interest rates on Government stock were higher. Government stock was of no use to these companies so they would sell it off and in the main, spend the profits. This would be a pull on resources.

The majority of people knew that these two giant burcaucracies would just be like all the others, but there was no will in this Government to resist the appetite of the extremist left. It had been said recently that people should take seriously fears about the growth of state power, especially given the penchant of some socialists for the continuing spawning of giant new institutions under centralized control.

The contemptible truth remains (he said) that after two years of the most cynically opportunist mismanagement of industrial affairs, the only positive policies are yet more nationalization.

He was sick and tired of listening to the left indulging in misrepresentations when industry was deprived of funds, and their speeches deprived industry of confidence.

I am appalled (he added) at the complacency with which these bleeding hearts and vacuous minds contemplate the rising unemployment, the investment collapse and the emigration, of our talent to which this Bill is an encouragement. This Bill will be fought at all stages by the Opposition.

House being asked the wrong questions

MR RICHARD WAINWRIGHT (Colne Valley, L) said the House was being asked the wrong questions. The question which the nation had to face was how far they should continue to commit the skilled workforce to the various industries named in the Bill; how far those industries had a future in the British Isles and what should be their future size and shape.

The answers to those questions were so uncomfortable because of centuries of delay and cowardice, especially having regard to the poor state of world demand, that the Government had funked facing those questions and had introduced a Bill to preserve the industries in much the existing shape and with existing manpower. The Liberals rejected that strategy entirely.

MR WILLEY (Sunderland, North, Lab) said he could see nothing to help the shipbuilding industry but to nationalize it. However, the troubles of that industry would not be solved by nationalization. It only provided the opportunity for giving national aid; for giving the industry a chance to deal with those problems rationally.

Something had to be done to persuade British owners to place more orders in British yards.

MR AMERY (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said the privately owned aircraft industry had certain advantages that would be denied Mr Varley if he nationalized it. Private industry had greater flexibility in dealing with foreign customers. Mr Varley would find foreign governments saying that for political reasons he must reduce the price or the credit terms charged. Private industry was free of all that. Moreover, it had a stronger bargaining power not only with their trade unions but also over their subcontractors, upon which the aircraft industry depended.

MR TERENCE WALKER (Kingswood, Lab) said many MPs wanted control of the aircraft industry to control the way money was spent because they had serious reservations about the way the management of these companies had handled matters in the past. Where public money was concerned there must be a measure of public accountability over the way that money was spent.

He was alarmed about the proposed cutback in the workforce of the BAC engaged on Concorde. Concorde was the jewel in the crown of the new corporation. They were awaiting the certificate of airworthiness for Concorde and just before they went into passenger service they were contemplating a break-up of the team that had produced it so far. This was madness.

MR TROTTER (Tynemouth, C) said that looking at the present state of the British shipbuilding industry private yards were in good heart and naval yards doing extremely well. What a contrast when they looked at the nationalized state-controlled yards such as Harland and Wolff which lost £60m in a year.

The total of state aid available for shipbuilders in the last 10 years, or committed for the future, was £300m, and of that 90 per cent had gone to state-controlled yards.

Labour relations were especially bad in nationalized industries. It seemed that those who worked for the state did not seem to have found that a change of their employers had brought happiness to their lives. If the shipbuilding industry was nationalized they could expect to see labour troubles on a national scale whereas in the past they had only been at local level.

MISS HELENE HAYMAN (Welwyn and Hatfield, Lab) said workers at Hawker Siddeley Aviation did not need to be persuaded that the time was long past when Hawker Siddeley and BAC should have become one firm. Their concern had been that for the last two years the industry had been in a state of uncertainty and flux.

MISS HARVIE ANDERSON (East Renfrewshire, C) said the Government had talked about manpower reduction as if it was a feature of the success of nationalization, but that was one of the least attractive features for the worker at factory floor level.

The Bill was before the House primarily because it supported a Government hellbent on expensive political dogma at a time when the nation was already over-taxed and short of money. Successful shipbuilding companies like Yarrow wanted to be left alone. It was a disastrous Bill for profitable companies. In many cases, as in Yarrow's, the compensation looked far from fair.

MR GORDON WILSON (Dundee, East, Scot Nat) said the Bill had caused harm because it was a year late. There had been a withdrawal of investment at a time when many shipyards and the workers there had wanted it. If shipbuilding were nationalized there would have to be a Government 'policy which would allow the industry to compete against foreign suppliers, who were often given substantial aid from their own governments.

Nationalization of the industry would not necessarily guarantee the maintenance of jobs. The Bill did not have adequate proposals for decentralization.

Two million settle in £6 limit

MR BOOTH, Minister of State for Employment, in a written reply, said: Of some two million workers covered by major settlements known to my department since August 1 the full £6 increase or its equivalent for juveniles and part-timers has been obtained by some 300,000 in the private sector, 50,000 in nationalized industries, and 1,400,000 in the public services (including nearly one million in local authority manual workers). 200,000 have obtained smaller increases, all in the private sector.

Apart from this some 2½ million workers, mostly in the private sector, are covered by Wages Council proposals for increases in the minimum remuneration of nearly £6 and 500 workers by proposals for smaller increases.

Parliamentary notices

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Today at 2.30: Debate on the EEC. Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill, remaining stages. Motions on Northern Ireland Orders on rates. Bann reservoir, insurance companies, firearms, and education.

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Reprocessing nuclear waste for foreign customers

MR THORPE (North Devon, L) asked the Secretary of State for Energy to take steps to prevent the importing of goods containing radioactive waste material.

MR BENN, in a written reply, said: I assume that Mr Thorpe refers to the proposal to undertake further contracts for the reprocessing of nuclear waste for overseas customers. The Government have not yet decided whether they will allow further contracts, but if they do, the terms proposed would mean that the nuclear waste resulting from the reprocessing would not have to be retained in this country.

Disabled workers proposals

MR HAROLD WALKER, Under Secretary for Employment (Doncaster, Lab), said during question time that he planned to announce the Government's proposals on the future of the employment quota scheme for disabled workers later this month.

EEC Commission showing more realism on energy policy

House of Lords

The EARL of LAUDERDALE, moving that the House take note of the report of the European Communities Committee on EEC energy policy strategy, said a new approach to energy policy was beginning to appear. Instead of trying to suggest a theoretical policy from the centre the EEC Commission now saw that it was better to take existing national energy plans as the starting point.

The aim of energy policy should from now on be to try to identify the areas of overlap between national energy programmes, then the areas of possible cooperation between national energy programmes, and after that the areas of possible conflict between those programmes, until finally they arrived at the areas of problems which could only be resolved by collaboration if not by some supranational decision.

LORD BALOGH, Minister of State for Energy, said new energy forecasts and policy recommendations were fraught with difficulty and danger. He knew of none which had hit the bullseye. Indeed, those who by their professional duties were forced or found compliant enough to indulge in this pastime had regularly lost their reputations.

They were confronted not with an energy crisis but with a crisis of the price of energy and it was the abruptness of the change which created the problems. This was as dangerous and as far-reaching. A critical situation had been caused partly because the available real resources of consumer countries had fallen appreciably, in Britain's case 5 to 7 per cent. This was an event unparalleled in the West since the end of the war.

It was owing to the sagacity and resourcefulness of the Bank of England and its sister institutions that, in contrast to 1931, distress signals did not result in a collapse of the international monetary and banking system.

Recent developments in the Commission energy policy thinking had shown more realism or at least a recognition of the need for this. But progress in developing an energy policy for the Community had been slow. The extent of progress made demonstrated the difficulties of reconciling the differing views of member states.

If they were to continue the successful expansion of nuclear generation they must ensure that they could safely and economically treat, store, and ultimately dispose of the resulting radioactive waste products. The right to enjoy the benefits of nuclear power carried with it the duty to ensure that subsequent generations were not bequeathed burdensome problems of waste management.

LORD LLOYD of KILGERRAN (L) said the resources of the other Community countries were in almost a parlous state compared with the wealth around Britain's shores which was looked upon with envy.

LORD GEDDES, in a maiden speech, said marine energy was clean, free and relatively infinite. The sea held vast resources of untapped and non-polluting energy. Could they afford to postpone research on this energy just because it might not fit into an arbitrary timescale? In the United Kingdom there were at least three suitable tidal energy sites, in the Severn Estuary, the Solway Firth and Morecambe Bay.

LORD STRATHCONA and MOUNT ROYAL (C) said it was clear from the report that a great contribution could be made at EEC level in the area of research.

LORD BRUCE of DONINGTON (Lab) said in the eighties Britain would probably be the only net exporter of energy in Europe so she was entitled to independent representation at the forthcoming energy conference in Paris, not only in her own interests but those of Europe as a whole.

LORD KINGS NORTON said Britain's problems were such that she must push ahead with a solution and not wait for the Commission and Council of Ministers to reach agreement.

The EARL of BESSBOROUGH (C) said he regretted and was somewhat mystified by the Foreign Secretary's insistence that Britain should have a separate seat at the international energy conference. Was Britain a member of the Community or not? Did she accept their obligations or not?

It was no use trying to preserve their independent action on the ground that General de Gaulle might have adopted a similar attitude. General de Gaulle was in a stronger position than the Foreign Secretary. It was no use a person huffing and puffing when he had no air in his lungs.

The time had come for this country to drop too narrow and nationalistic an outlook. He hoped they would not be too negative in regard to a European energy policy.

LORD ENERGLYN said new ventures were needed to develop new sources of energy power and employment. While the policy makers had been busy a number of people had been engaged in trying to develop new ventures.

He was associated with projects for tidal energy and was debashed when this was no longer regarded as a geological pipedream. They should explore the hot rocks of Cornwall and look at the abandoned tin mines of this country.

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GARRICK THEATRE. 01-836 4601. Evenings 8.15. Mat. Wed. 3.0, Sat. & Boxing Day 6.0 & 8.40. RICHARD BRIERS "Marvellous"—Gdn. ABSENT FRIENDS. "ALAN AYCKBOURN'S FINEST, FUNNIEST PLAY."—Harold Hobson.

GLOBE. 01-437 1592. Evenings 7.30. Mats. Wed., Sat. & Boxing Day 3.0. (NO PERFS. DECEMBER 24 & 25). ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY. JUDI DENCH, IAN McKELLEN, ANNA CALDER-MARSHALL in TOO TRUE TO BE GOOD. By Bernard Shaw.

GREENWICH. 858 7755. Krapp's Last Tape & In Memory of Carmen Miranda. Opens tnt. 7.0, tomor., Fri., Sat. 8.0: Beckett Evening. Mat. Sat. 2.30.

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755. Booking now for Dec. 26-Jan. 3. CAMELOT PIE XMAS SHOW.

HAMPSTEAD. 722 9301. Prm. Dec. 10. WORD PLAY by Roger McGough. MORECAMBE by Kroetz. From Dec. 15—Daily Mats. Mr Batt's Variety Show with Mr Punch.

HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evgs. at 8. Mats. 5 & 8.15. Wed. 2.30. Last 3 wks. HERBERT LOM TRIUMPHS" E News. NIGEL STOCK in BETZI. "William Douglas Home is one of the best writers in the country. ENCHANTING ENTERTAINMENT." S. Tms.

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KING'S HEAD. 226 1916. Evgs. 8.0 (Sup). Dinner 7 (£1.85). Sheila Hancock & Hugh Paddick in PLAY PLAY by Robert Patrick. Last week. NORM & AHMED at 1.15 pm.

KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488. Mon. to Th. 9. Fri., Sat. 7.30, 9.30. THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW. "Best MUSICAL OF THE YEAR." Evening Standard drama award.

LITTLE ANGEL MARIONETTE SHOW. 14 Dagmar Passage, N1. 01-226 1787. Saturday, Dec. 6th, 11 am. . . . AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS. Sunday, Dec. 7th, 3 pm. AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS.

LYRIC. 01-437 3686. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30. JOAN PLOWRIGHT, PATRICIA HAYES, FRANK FINLAY in FILUMENA. "Total triumph." THE BED BEFORE YESTERDAY. A new comedy by BEN TRAVERS. "The Sunday Times." Until Jan. 3, 1976.

MAYFAIR THEATRE. 01-629 3036. Evenings 8.15. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. Tim BRIERLEY, Rula LENSKA, and others in ALPHABETICAL ORDER. "Michael Frayn's comedy is a delight for experience." F.T. Last 3 weeks.

MAYFAIR. 493 3031. From Dec. 22. SOOTY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW. Daily 2.0, 4.0, Sat. 10.30, 2.0, 4.0.

MERMAID. 248 7656. Food 248 2835. Ev. 8.15, Mat. Sat. 5.0. Last week. Elisabeth Welch in the revue FARJEON REVIEWED. A musical tribute to England's wittiest revue writer HERBERT FARJEON. STALLS SEATS £1.50 or £2.50. DINNER AND THEATRE TICKET FOR £3.95.

MERMAID. 248 7656. Food 248 2835. Dec. 18—Jan. 17. Booking now. Swift's GULLIVER'S TRAVELS with Mike D'Abo, William Rushton.

NEW END. 435 4116. DEATH STORY by David Edgar. 8.00 p.m.

NEW LONDON. 01-405 0072. Dec. 18 to 28. Booking now! SPIKE MILLIGAN, BERNARD MILES in the Mermaid Theatre's Award Winning Production of TREASURE ISLAND. Red. price prevs. Tues. Dec. 16 at 7.30 and Wed. Dec. 17 at 2.30, 5.30.

NEW LONDON. 405 0072. Jan. 1. BRUCE FORSYTH. "Bruce . . . the man" laughter show.

NEW VICTORIA. 834 0671. Dec. 26 at 7.30, Mon.-Fri. 4.30 and 7.30, Sat. 2.30 & 7.30, Dec. 31 at 4.30 & 7.00. Derek Nimmo, Adrienne Posta, Sally . . . Christopher Beeny, Jenny . . . Tommy Vance & Kenneth Connor in ALADDIN.

OLD VIC. THE NATIONAL THEATRE 928 7616. Previews Tomor. Fri., Sat., Mon. & Tues. at 7.0. HAMLET. Some seats held for sale day of performance from 10 a.m.

OPEN SPACE in association with THE GOETHE-INSTITUT. 580 4970. Temp. m'ship. Mon. Dec. 8 at 7.0. Tues. Dec. 9 & Wed. Dec. 10 at 8.0. BRECHT-TUCHOLSKY EVENING. Eva Meier accompanied by Barton Weber. Thur. Dec. 11, Fri. Dec. 12 & Sat. Dec. 13 at 8.0. Mat. Sat. Dec. 13 at 3.0. FRANK WEDEKIND Eva Meier & Wolf Euba accompanied by Karl-Heinz Klein.

PALACE. 437 6834. Mon. to Th. 8.0. Fri., Sat. & Box. Day 6.0 & 8.40. JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.

PALLADIUM. 01-437 7373. Dec. 17 at 7.0. Subs. daily 2.45 and 7.30. LULU, ROY HUDD, RACHEL GURNEY in PETER PAN.

PHOENIX. 836 8611. Mon.-Thurs. 8, Fri. & Sat. 5.15 & 8.30. Bristol Old Vic Musical Story of the Great Gilbert & Sullivan Partnership TARANTARA! TARANTARA! "Shining Gem" D.M. "This delightful show" E.N. "Full of life and wit" S. Tms. Must Close Sat.

PHOENIX. 836 8611. From Dec. 18. A. A. Milne's WINNIE THE POOH. Mat. dly. 2 p.m. & Th., Sat. 11 a.m. For extra perfs. until Dec. 13, phone Box Office.

PICCADILLY. (437 4506). Mon.-Thurs. 8, Fri. & Sat. 5, 8.40. ROYAL VARIETY HIT SHOW KWA ZULU. "Probably the most compulsively enjoyable musical show in London." F.T. "A joyous occasion indeed." S. Exp. Now Booking to Feb. 1976.

PRINCE OF WALES. 01-930 8681. Evs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. HARRY SECOMBE in THE PLUMBER'S PROGRESS. "Lovable clowning, excellent singing." D. Mir.

QUEEN'S THEATRE. 01-734 1166. Evenings 8.0. Mat. Thur. 3.0. Sat. 5.0. Boxing Day 5.30 & 8.30 (NO PERFS. December 22-25). ALAN BATES in OTHERWISE ENGAGED. A new play by SIMON GRAY. Directed by HAROLD PINTER.

RAYMOND REVUEBAR THEATRE. 734 1593. At 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. PAUL RAYMOND presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA '75. Open on Sundays from Jan. 4. Closed Christmas Day only.

REGENT. 323 2707. Evenings 8.30. Fri. & Sat. 7.0 & 9.15. 2ND YEAR OF SENSATIONAL STAGE SHOW OF THE SEVENTIES. AN ADULT MUSICAL. LET MY PEOPLE COME. "Never a dull moment."—S. News. 100 tickets held for sale at door.

ROUNDHOUSE. 267 2564. Tom't. 7. Subs. 7.30. Sats. 5.30 & 9. "MOVING BEING splendid mixed-media group present exciting, thought provoking show."—Gdn. JOURNAL OF ANAIS NIN.

ROYAL COURT. 730 1745. Evenings at 8. Sats. 5 & 8.30. TOM COURTENEY in THE FOOL by Edward Bond.

ST. MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Evs. 8. Tues. 2.45, Sats. & Bxg. Day 5 & 8. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP. WORLD'S LONGEST-EVER RUN 24th YEAR.

SAVOY. 836 8888. Evenings at 8. Mats. Wed. at 2.30 & Sat. at 5. Barbara MULLEN and Derek BOND in AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER IN THE VICARAGE.

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 01-836 6596. Evs. 7.30. Mat. Wed., Sat. 3.0. ARTHUR LOWE, JOHN LE MESURIER, CLIVE DUNN in DAD'S ARMY. "Funny and touching . . . total artistic success."—Sunday Times.

SHAW THEATRE. 01-388 1394. KIDNAPPED AT CHRISTMAS. A new comedy for children by WILLIS HALL. From today to Fri. 11 a.m. & 2.30. Sat. 2.30 only.

STRAND. 836 2660. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. DORIS HARE, Richard CALDICOT, Andrew SACHS. NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH. Directed by Allan Davis. LONDON'S LONGEST LAUGH 5th Year. Christmas parking allowed nearby.

THEATRE ROYAL, Stratford. E.15. 534 0310. Evenings at 8. Mrs. Gaskell's CRANFORD. Last week.

VAUDEVILLE. 836 9988. Evgs. 8. Tues. 2.45. Sats. & Bxg. Day 5 & 8. Margaret LOCKWOOD, Paul DANEMAN & BARRIE INGHAM. DOUBLE EDGE. "SUPERB . . . the cleverest who-dun-it I have seen for years." D. Telegraph. Nearby streets NOT affected by Xmas Parking restrictions.

VICTORIA PALACE. 834 1317. Evgs. 8.0. Wed., Sat. 6.0 & 8.45. MIKE YARWOOD in "THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE". ". . . greatly enjoyable revue."—Exp.

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WESTMINSTER. 834 0283. Evs. 7.30. Wed. & Sat. 2.30. Chichester Festival Theatre Production. FOLLOW THE STAR. A new family Christmas Musical. Additional Mats. Dec. 26 & 30, Jan. 31.

WHITEHALL. 930 6692/7765. Evgs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.15, 8.45. "Funniest play in London." Vogue. WHAT THE BUTLER SAW.

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TALK OF THE TOWN. 01-734 5051. From 8.15, Dng. & Dcg. At 9.30 New Revue SWEET TEMPTATION and at 11 pm SALENA JONES. Open Monday next: ROLF HARRIS.

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: MISTER QUILP (U). Wk. & Sun: 2.00, 5.30, 8.30. 2: LOVE AND DEATH (A). Wk. & Sun: 2.00, 5.30, 8.30.

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Jane Bunuel's . . . ( ) Progs. 1.45, 4.00, 6.10, 8.40.

ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Miklos Jancso's ELEKTREIA (A) and Bela Bartok's THE MIRACULOUS MANDARIN (A). 3.50, 4.45, 6.50, 9.0.

ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Marcel Carné's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (A). Show times 4.45, 8.0.

COLUMBIA. Shaftesbury Ave. (734 5414). CONFESSIONS OF A WINDOW CLEANER (X). 2.10, 5.55, 9.00. BLAZING SADDLES (AA). 3.45, 7.15.

CURZON. Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737. A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (U). Film at 2.0 (not Sun.), 3.10, 6.05, & 8.45. Late show Fri. & Sat.

DOMINION. Tott. Ct. Rd. (580 9562). James Caan ROLLERBALL (AA). Sep. progs. Wk. 1.10, 4.15, 8.00. All seats may be booked.

EMPIRE, Leicester Square. ROOSTER COGBURN (U). Progs. Daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Sep. Perfs. All seats bookable. No phone bookings.

GATE CINEMA, Nott. Hill. 727 5750. DOALKEREN'S 9 YEARS OF CANNIBALS (AA). 2.15, 4.45, 7.45. LAST DAY. PATHS OF GLORY (A). 11.15 a.m. PATHS OF GLORY & ODDS AGAINST TOMORROW 11.15 p.m.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. (930 5252). Sep. Perfs. "TOMMY" (AA). The Film Event of the Year. Sep. perfs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. All seats may be booked.

ODEON, HAYMARKET. (930 2738/2771). Dustin Hoffman in LENNY (X). Sep. Progs. Wk. 2.00, 5.15, 8.30. All seats may be booked.

ODEON, LEICESTER SQUARE. (930 6111). Temporarily closed for redecorating and refurbishing.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH. (723 2011/2). "See! Hear! Feel!" "TOMMY" (AA). The Film Event of the Year. Sep. progs. Wk. 1.30, 4.30, 8.00. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.

ODEON, ST. MARTIN'S LANE—HOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—THE JUNGLE BOOK (U). For info. 240 0071. Box Office 836 0691. Sep. progs. Wk. 2.00, 3.45, 8.45. Twinings . . . 5.35, 8.45. BKBLE. Late show Sat. 11.45.

PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. Herzog's ENIGMA OF KASPAR HAUSER (A). Pgs. 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

PHOENIX (formerly Rex), East Finchley Station. 883 2233. Herzog's ENIGMA OF KASPAR HAUSER (A). Progs. 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

PLAZA 1 & 2, Regent St. 930 6494. Box office open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (not Sun.). 1 Glenda Jackson, Michael Caine, Helmut Berger. THE ROMANTIC ENGLISHWOMAN (AA). Daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.20. Sep. perfs. Bookable eve. only. 2 GONE WITH THE WIND (A). In 70mm. Progs. Sep. perfs. daily 2.15, 6.00. All seats bookable.

PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181. 2nd Great Year. EMMANUELLE (X). Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.). 2.45, 6.15, 9.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats Bkble. Lic'd Bar.

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SCENE 1, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. Cont. Perfs. Dly. from 12.30. Ken Russell's LISZTOMANIA (X). Progs. 12.30, 2.30, 4.45, 7.05, 9.25. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.

SCENE 2, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. Cont. Perfs. Dly. from 12.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. WHAT'S UP DOC? (U). 1.15, 5.10, 9.05. FREEBIE AND THE BEAN (X). 3.05, 7.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. 10.55.

SCENE 3, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. Dly. 2.00, 5.20, 8.40. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats Bkble.—All Perfs.

SCENE 4, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. 2nd YEAR. THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. Perfs. Dly. 12.30, 3.00, 6.15, 9.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30. Box Office Open Daily 10-8. Sun. 12-8. Seats Bkble.—All Perfs.

WARNER WEST END, Leicester Square. Tel.: 439 0791. 1. Telly Savalas, James Mason, Robert Culp. INSIDE OUT (A). Sep. progs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. 2. Ken Russell Film starring Roger Daltrey. LISZTOMANIA (X). Cont. progs. Wk. 1.20, 3.40, 6.00, 8.25. 2.30, 6.30, 8.30. 3. Dirk Bogarde, Ava Gardner PERMISSION TO KILL (A). Sep. progs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Sat. 11.30. All seats may be booked. 4. VENIAL SIN (X). Cont. progs. 2.30, 4.30, 6.25, 8.30.

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ASPREYS are holding an exhibition of RARE 19TH CENTURY CARRIAGE CLOCKS from Wed. 26th Nov. until Wed. 17th Dec. Wkdys: 9 a.m.-5.30 p.m. Sats. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Asprey & Co. Ltd., 165-9 New Bond St., W.1.

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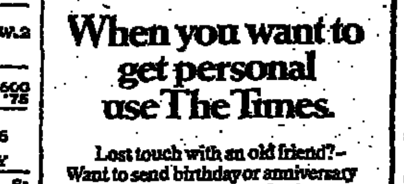
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Melinda Camber Porter

"In *India Song* I pose, in principle, the sovereignty of Woman. I hope I have not demonstrated it or made a didactic film", says Marguerite Duras of her sixth film, as if to silence those who reproach her for a cerebral or theoretical approach. For within her own framework, such an approach belongs to the masculine world and Duras wishes to define the distinction between male and female and to place herself firmly in the latter category.

"When I write or film I have the feeling that I silence the virile voice, the cultural voice within me. I am never as female as when I write," she says in a stylized manner, worthy of her latest heroine. "It's not true to say that my films are created by intelligence. They are made in a state of passionate crisis. Normally, in about 15 days. Afterwards, intelligence intervenes, in the montage and editing. But during the shooting and before I am in an extraordinary emotional state. In the beginning I maintained a distance from my films. But now that the technical side poses no problem, it does not mask the crisis."

In *India Song*, Duras calls on Delphine Seyrig to represent her notion of Woman, Anne-Marie Stretter, France's Ambassadress in Calcutta who speaks little, moves like a tigress and is "infinitely desirable". Duras explains: "She represents the sovereignty of Woman's body. She is the only person in the film who pronounces the word 'intelligence'. She has an intelligence of India and of the oppression. She and the Vice-Consul who is a virginal man, almost androgynous, I say that they are both mad. The Vice-Consul because he wakes up each morning and sees the world for the first time. The injustice and horror of his life is intolerable. He remains true to his madness and Anne-Marie to hers: her corporeal knowledge of the world which I call intelligence."

I questioned Duras on her choice of the word "mad" in this context. "Yes. You are right to question me. I do not give recognition to the term 'mad'. I use the masculine world's language so they will understand me. It is a form of accusation."

Talking to Marguerite Duras one feels that one has been female without being aware of it. She ushers one into an undiscovered sovereign world of women which defies male participation. "The knowledge that Anne-Marie Stretter has is completely female. A man could never have it. I could describe this female quality as a kind of constant identification. I say somewhere that she *is* Calcutta. Woman is open to everything. She is constantly listening. She has no specific place. Men have lost this corporeal knowledge. They are everywhere at the same time, dispersed—in their heads, in a rhetorical practice of life.

"It is the millennial silence of woman which makes this osmosis with life possible. It is a liquid state which flows on the same level as life. Almost like a child's perceptions."

While Duras extols and perhaps creates certain specifically female qualities, I wondered if her films would get made if she followed these precepts too faithfully. The wielding of power through words, the direction of a film crew, all require that which Duras chooses to term masculine. Even if her ideas are not born from intelligence, she certainly demonstrates an analytical capacity when communicating them in words and images.

Duras stresses the importance of Stretter's Womanliness, but the central theme in the film and in our conversation was her death and its implications. Stretter's story is recounted about 40 years after it happened. Instead of attempting to reconstruct a "livable" narrative, Duras presents the lacuna and disintegration that death and passing time imposed. "It was only possible to make the film because the woman's story had been stopped by death. One could not write her history if she were living. For writing or filming are always in the past. Narration cannot refer to the immediate present."

The sole link with the past of Anne-Marie Stretter is through memory. The fragmented, elusive narrative of *India Song* mirrors the distortions and fictions created by remembrance. The film is not a monument immune to time. It reenacts the erosions caused by passing time. Duras refers to it as the "place of death and doubt".

"The photography of death is there on the screen. The settings are also important: Anne-Marie appears by what I call the 'altar'—a piano, with a bowl of roses and an old photograph, in a rectangle surrounded by mirrors. The mirrors cast further doubt on all that happens. There are also the ruins where no one enters, which are emptied forever by time. The sucking in of everything by death. Here the narrative voices speak in the past tense".

Such careful details characterize the film and suggest the work of a conscious, analytical intelligence, even though the source and effect are emotional. But Duras continues to play her anti-intellectual role: "I cannot formulate any philosophy about death. My awareness of death simply makes me feel that I must occupy my time according to my desires."

If Duras's films and books occupy her time adequately, it is strange that she should conclude "I hope women will never talk as much as men, and never on the same level". Fortunately, Marguerite Duras is the last person to be taken in by her own rhetoric.



Marguerite Duras

A peep at the paranormal

Into the Unknown
ATV

Leonard Buckley

Do you believe in apparitions? I do. Last night I was dozing in front of the fire when I came to with a start. For there across the darkened room I could see a little figure in human form bathed in a light of its own. The figure was gazing earnestly at me. Its lips were shaping words I could not hear. Quite obviously it had something to communicate and I knew just what to do. I turned up the sound on my television set and settled back to follow the programme. The figure was Dr Christopher Evans. He was taking us, appropriately enough, on an illustrated journey into other worlds than our own.

I cannot say that I learnt much from the excursion though I gave it full marks for the bizarre. We saw first the eclipse of religion by science and then the eclipse of science itself as the key to the universe. That brought in everything from Nessie and the Pope to the planets and Stonehenge. It was accompanied by electronic whirrings that I hope were not the music of the spheres.

Then we were off to examine what fashionable jargon calls the paranormal. That brought in everything from ectoplasm to UFOs, and Dr Evans gave us a pastiche of the lot. A charming lady from Baltimore discussed her faith-healing powers. A gardening commune that claimed fellowship with the fruits and the flowers appeared to be doing wonders with soil that was largely sand.

Knock. Knock. Who was there? An American professor boasted that he had a poltergeist on tape. And who was that turbulent priest shaking hell out of a kneeling supplicant? It was only television's favourite exorcist doing precisely that.

It was easy to scoff. But the chief impression was of how the most ordinary people will seize on one aspect of belief and make it their obsession. A charge nurse explained how he had been saved on the motorway by the ghost of a favourite patient. A pensioner recalled how in an earlier life he had been killed at the Battle of Sedgemoor.

This programme concerned belief in the paranormal. The next will go on to knowledge of it. I doubt if I shall be around for the scientific inquiries that are promised. I am not much of a man myself for the kinetics of parapsychology. Besides I am already engaged for next week. I have promised to have a chat with my rubber plant.

The Kid/Moby Dick
Bush

Irving Wardle

The case of Keith Johnstone, teacher of comedy and founder of the Theatre Machine Group, is that of a man who took up improvisation to escape from writer's block. And for anyone who has encountered Johnstone the comic theorist, *Moby Dick* certainly demonstrates how effectively this roundabout system worked for him.

Johnstone's exercises took their cue from Schiller's warning against keeping "a watcher at the gates of the mind". The great thing was to seize and exploit a comic idea before the conscious intelligence had a chance to move in and stifle it. The half-hour piece on show at the Bush could well be a worked-up improvisation: a farcical duel for two actors, piling one Gothic extravagance on another and allowing no rational objection to stand in their path.

We are at home in a nightmare castle, whose brutal master is tended by one faithful retainer. The master is growing impotent, but has had the foresight to stock his deep-freeze with sperm. There is a power cut from which one sperm escapes—first into a goldfish bowl and then into the moat, where it grows to giant size and starts terrorizing the neighbourhood.

One has to salute the mad logic by which the piece runs from an opening Melville fantasy to a final replay of the same episode consigning master and servant to the beast's stomach somewhere on the high seas. Derrick O'Connor and Anthony Trent cantilever themselves out into the comic void with tremendous zest, assisted only by a set of oilskins and crafty lighting by Howard Gibbins.

The programme opens with a Cardiff importation which overran its hour by 30 minutes. Keith Wood's monodrama on the last hours of Billy the Kid introduces John Carter as an actor who might show to powerful advantage on an occasion less shapeless and undisciplined than this. As it is, I can only advise you to sit well back from the scrapyard set, take earplugs, and watch out for the flying glass.

Carlos Bonell
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Keith Horner

As a pupil of John Williams, Carlos Bonell shares something of that guitarist's detachment from the more overtly romantic music and reluctance to overstate the obvious. He plays with a gentle, undemonstrative style and has a distinct advantage over the bulk of guitarists in front of the public in being able to play his chosen instrument.

His reserved, intimate approach worked best in Bach's E minor lute Suite which was done with nimbleness and fluidity of line, for the most part, although ornaments and two repeated quick passages in the Courante were a mess. Mr Bonell's own arrangement of three movements from *The Fairy Queen* also went well and, with the first performance of *Solus* by Michael Blake Watkins, he successfully conveyed a wide emotional range from impassioned, strident chords to more reflective melody.

But with the incisive conventionalities of Tàrrega's *Gran Jota* and the rambling *Fantasia Elegiaca* of Sor, Mr Bonell made a somewhat more limp impression. Or maybe the lack of projection resulted from this hall, where assessing any guitar recital from a distant seat must be like trying to referee a football match from the players' changing-room and where any cough from the audience has the effect of a roar from the crowd.

A *Sonata Romantica* by Manuel Ponce, the Mexican, likewise made little impact, although the music itself must take most of the blame for that. Its dedication to the memory of Schubert might be taken as an apology for pages of distinctly *outré* modulations in the first movement while some pious, *religioso* pastiche in the second would make *The Dying Poet* seem a masterpiece of programme music.

Ida Haendel
St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Monday's midday concert broadcast from St John's, Smith Square, took the form of a violin recital by Ida Haendel, with Michael Isador at the piano, reminding us that the special theme of the current series is Brahms's chamber music. The more closely you investigate this composer, once considered by his enemies as some pedantic, antediluvian monster born into the wrong age, the more it transpires that he out-romanticized them all in drawing inspiration from his own personal life.

This programme stressed what grew from friendship with Joachim, encountered by some divine chance at the age of 20. Miss Haendel began with the high-powered Scherzo contributed by Brahms, only a few months later, to the sonata planned by Schumann (with himself and Dietrich as the other collaborators) in Joachim's honour when he opened the 1853 concert season in Düsseldorf with Joachim's *F.A.E.* (*frei aber einsam*) motto as unifying link. Miss Haendel may not have driven it as hard and fast as some do, but she still revealed its voltage as double that of anything else in the work.

To end the recital there was Brahms's third and last sonata of some 35 years later, surely just as patently written for Joachim (even if not dedicated to him) as a peace-offering after a temporary rift—work on it was even interrupted by the double concerto for violin and cello in which Brahms openly offered the olive-branch. This Miss Haendel played with the warm tone and loving phrasing (including the occasional portamento) such ripe music requires, even if after long familiarity she may not find it so easy to bring up every phrase with the immediacy of a new discovery. Mr Isador was a glowing partner, keenly aware of the equality of responsibility in the sonata.

These two works were separated by Bach's G minor sonata for solo violin, where Miss Haendel kept her head in the fugue and brought off a dazzlingly fast finale.

Children's show at Hampstead

Mr Batt's Variety Show with Mr Punch, an entertainment specially devised by Derek Carpenter, opens at the Hampstead Theatre for three weeks on December 15.

A children's show intended to appeal to all age-groups. *Mr Batt's Variety Show* introduces not only Punch and Judy, but also new characters including Madame Linka, the spaghetti-hound, and Tovarovitch, the life-size puppet, in a mixture of music, magic, circus and mime.

The production runs at 2.30 pm daily from December 15, with performances at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm from December 30 to January 3. The theatre is closed on Mondays (excepting December 15) and December 22-25.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

London debuts

Walton Grönroos, a baritone from Finland, was a real find, and not just because of a splendid voice. Singing only German Lieder and songs by his compatriots, Rangström and Sibelius, he had a way of making every emotional situation completely his own. The operatic stage surely has a "natural" waiting for it.

Nothing better displayed his tonal palette than Rangström's *King Erik's Songs*, ranging from the heroic to the seductively lyrical. In Sibelius, too, there were climaxes of stirring intensity alongside delicately pliable intimacies, as in "Did I but dream" and "Sigh, sigh, sedges". Because Wolf allowed him more graphic opportunities for characterization, these songs came over better than his enterprisingly chosen, opening Schubert group, though initial nervousness may have played its part in unsteadying intonation and flow once or twice in these. Pentti Koskimies was his sturdy-toned pianist.

Never can England have boasted a finer crop of uprising cellists than at the present time. Colin Carr (from the Menuhin School) is one of the most promising of all. It is not often that one hears Debussy's sonata, chosen as the centrepiece of his first complete London recital, done with such temperament and so variegated a range of colour—and he is still only 18. His exuberant first encore, Popper's Polonaise, was another outstanding achievement for a teenager. Though a good deal less capricious than Rostropovich in Schubert's *Arpeggione* sonata, he still perhaps needs to guard against manneted *rubato* here. But a warm, steady flame burned through Brahms's second sonata, and Bach's D minor solo suite was stylish and clean. Kathryn Stott at the piano was a firstrate helpmate.

Kate Beare, an American cellist who has settled in London, played Bach and Vivaldi with harpsichord and Beethoven and Schumann, her ready keyboard partner throughout being Elisabeth Lightoller. Their mistake was in essaying Beethoven's late C major sonata, which emerged as if experienced through the wrong end of a telescope besides undoing them as a duo in the rhythmic intricacies of the finale. In Schumann's 5 *Stücke im Volkston*, prettily phrased by both artists, Miss Beare's light tone was less of a disadvantage. But the early eighteenth century, not requiring such forceful projection, was her happiest hunting ground, and it was good to read that she has sensibly opted for membership of the Baroque Chamber Group.

The guitarist, Robert Brightmore, deserves a good mark for varying the traditional menu with a brand new Introduction and Allegro by Oliver Hunt, treating the instrument as a serious purveyor of thought, not just sound. It suited Mr Brightmore himself, a fluent enough player, but more to the point, a perceptive musician.

Joan Chissell

■ The panel for the Radcliffe Music Award, consisting of Sir William Glock, Mr Nicholas Maw and Mr Peter Maxwell Davies, has given the first prize of £300 to Michael Finnissy and the second prize of £200 to be divided equally between Brian Elias and Anthony Payne. All four competing works for unaccompanied chamber choir will be included in two concerts by the John Alldis Choir at Wigmore Hall tomorrow and next Thursday.

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Applications (one copy suitable for photocopying) giving full details of qualifications and experience and the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be sent, not later than Wednesday, January 14th, 1976 to the Registrar, The University, Manchester, M13 9PL, from whom further particular may be obtained. Please quote ref: 246/75/T.

University of Leicester
CENTRE FOR MASS COMMUNICATION RESEARCH
APPOINTMENT OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for post of Research Assistant to assist in the Centre's general research programme. Good degree in Psychology or Sociology essential, some research experience an advantage. Two-year appointment in first instance. Starting salary at lower end of range £2,370 to £3,594 plus £83.52 threshold supplements.
Further particulars and *application forms from* Director, Centre for Mass Communication Research, 104 Regent Road, Leicester, to whom applications should be sent as soon as possible.

Association of Commonwealth Universities
LIBRARY ASSISTANT
required to work single-handed in specialised library in busy academic office in Bloomsbury. Initial salary within range £2,301—£2,856 or £2,856-£3,411, plus £550 London allowance and luncheon vouchers. Commencing salary depends on qualifications, experience and age. Duties include classification, cataloguing and shelving. Library experience essential; library qualification desirable. Further particulars from Personnel Officer, A.C.U., 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF, to whom applications must be sent not later than 19 December, 1975.

University College Cardiff
Applications are invited for the following vacancies:
LECTURESHIPS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW
Salary range: £2,778 to £6,060. Duties to commence as soon as possible.
Applications, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be forwarded to The Vice-Principal (Administration) and Registrar, University College, P.O. Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1XL, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Closing date 9 January, 1976. Please quote ref. 0428.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Kent at Canterbury
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES UNIT
RESEARCH FELLOWS/ ASSOCIATES
Applications are invited for two posts of Research Fellow or Associate to work on a study of LOCAL SOCIAL INDICATORS (undertaken for the Department of the Environment). The posts will be for a period of two years from 1st January, 1976, or as soon as possible thereafter.
The project involves both analysis of data assembled for local authority areas in Great Britain and an investigation of the requirements and uses for local indicators of social well-being. Candidates may be graduates in any of the social sciences but evidence of statistical competence is required for one of the posts.
Salary, according to qualifications and experience, will be on the scale £2,370-£3,594 (Associate) or £2,778-£5,022 (Fellow) plus threshold payment of £83.52 per annum but the maximum starting salary for the post will be £3,594 per annum.
Further particulars and application forms, three copies, may be obtained from Mr. J. E. Reilly, Cornwallis Building, The University, Canterbury, Kent. Completed applications should be returned not later than Friday, 19th December, 1975. Please quote reference A38/75.

University of Hong Kong
LECTURESHIP/ ASSISTANT LECTURESHIP IN PHYSIOLOGY
Applications are invited for the above-mentioned post. Applicants should have research/teaching experience and interest in the physiology of special senses.
Annual salaries (superannuable) are: Lecturer: *HK$48,960* by 3,300 to $55,860 bar $8,860 by 3,960 to $72,360 by 3,360 to $2,080. Assistant Lecturer: HK$55,760 by 3,300 to 45,650.
At the time of issue the rate of exchange is £1 equals HK$10.20 approx.
Initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience: a medically-qualified appointee who has completed his pre-registration year will be appointed as a Lecturer at the minimum point.
Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF, or the Assistant Secretary (Recruitment), University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
Closing date for applications is 10 January 1976.

University of Bristol
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
Applications are invited for a
LECTURESHIP IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
tenable from 1st January, 1976. It is desired to fill this vacancy as early as possible, and at the latest by 1st August, 1976.
The appointment will be related particularly to the Department's programme of teaching and research in Geomorphology, both in the Single Honours School of Geography, and in the Joint Honours Schools of Botany and Geography and Geography and Geology. Initial salary will be within the range £3,778 to £4,002 plus £83.52 p.a. threshold supplement (salary scales are under review).
Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol, BS8 1TH, to whom applications, including the names of three referees, should be sent not later than 15th January, 1976 (please quote reference EB1.

Wadham College, Oxford
OFFICIAL FELLOWSHIP IN LAW
The College proposes to elect an Official Fellow and Tutor in Law with effect from 1 October, 1976. A University (C.U.F.) Lectureship will be associated with this appointment. Men and women are eligible. Further details may be obtained from the Senior Tutor. Applications, accompanied by a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, should be sent to the Warden, Wadham College, Oxford, not later than 16 December, 1975.

University of Oxford
DIRECTORSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR EXTERNAL STUDIES
The University intends to make an appointment to the Directorship of the Department for External Studies, which will fall vacant on 30 September 1976. The stipend of the director will be not less than £8,772 a year.
Applications (eight copies), naming three referees but without testimonials, should be received not later than 30 January 1976 by the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Southampton
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
LECTURESHIP IN INORGANIC CHEMISTRY
Applications are invited for the above post to commence on October 1, 1976. Salary scale: £3,778-£6,051 (under review). Further particulars from Mr. D. A. S. Copland, The University, Southampton, SO9 5NH, to whom applications (seven copies from U.K. applicants) should be sent as soon as possible, and not later than February 14, 1976. Please quote reference 450/A/T.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948. TENAPLAS Limited
(Note: This company has no connection with Tenaplas Extrusions Ltd. which company continues to trade).
Notice is hereby given that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at Winchester House (Hall 3), 100 Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2 on Tuesday, the 16th day of December 1975 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 293, 294 and 295 of the Companies Act, 1948.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1975
J. A. C. BUCK, Secretary.

The Companies Acts 1948 to 1967 A.F.C.L. Limited TRADING AS AFRICA CONTAINER LINE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at The Londonderry Hotel, Welbeck Street, London W1, on Thursday, the 18th day of December 1975, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 27th day of November 1975.
By Order of the Board
R. J. DREW, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
In the Matter of the undermentioned companies all of one and the same registered office, in voluntary liquidation, members' winding up, and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948
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Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named companies, which are being wound up voluntarily, are required on or before the fifth day of January 1976 to send in their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned, the Liquidator of the said companies, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are by their solicitors or personally to come in and prove the said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notices or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 1st day of December 1975.
K. P. LORD, Liquidator.
c/o Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. Ltd.,
Great West Road,
Brentford, Middlesex.
Note: This notice is purely formal as part of a reorganisation by Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. Ltd. for purposes of simplified administration. So far as is known there are no creditors of the above-named companies; trade at the various premises of the companies has been carried on by Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. Ltd. with whom suppliers should continue their business in the usual way.

In the Matter of ALPINE AERIALS Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 7th day of January, 1976, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A., of 33 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 27th day of November 1975.
PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A., Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of C. MARTIN (WAKEFIELD) Limited by Order of the High Court of Justice dated 19th day of March 1975
I, MARTIN JOHN SPENCER, F.C.A. of Messrs Stoy, Hayward & Co., 54 Baker Street, London W.1. have been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me.
Dated this 28th day of November 1975.
M. J. SPENCER, Liquidator.

The Companies Act, 1948. In the Matter of SIROFLEX-WEYFLEX Limited by Order of the High Court of Justice dated 5th day of May 1975.
I, MARTIN JOHN SPENCER of Messrs. Stoy, Hayward & Co., 54 Baker Street, London W.1 have been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1975.
M. J. SPENCER, Liquidator.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

COMPANHIA DE DIAMANTES DE ANGOLA
(Angola Diamond Company)
NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Companhia de Diamantes de Angola will be held at the Office of the Company, 15 Rua dos Fanquetros, Lisbon, on the *26th of December, 1975*, at 3.30 p.m., for the examination of and voting on the Report and Accounts of the Directors and Statement of Auditors for the Financial Year 1975, to confirm nomination of Director and to nominate a Commission of Shareholders for revision of the fees paid to the Auditors.
Holders of Bearer Shares who wish to be present at the Meeting will have to deposit their shares: in Lisbon at the Office of the Company or at Banco Agricola e Industrial Visconde, at the Banco da Agricultura, at the Banco do Algarve, at the Banco do Alentejo, at the Banco do Angola, at the Banco Borges and Irmao, at the Banco Espirito Santo e Comercial de Lisboa, at the Banco Fernandes de Magalhaes, at the Banco de Fomento Nacional, at the Banco Fonsecas & Burnay, at the Banco Intercontinental Portugues, at the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, at the Banco Pinto Magalhaes, at the Banco Pinto & Sotto Mayor, at the Banco Portugues do Atlantico, at the Banco Totta & Acores, at the Caixa Geral de Depositos Credito & Previdencia, at the Credito Predial Portugues, at the Credit Franco-Portugais, at the Bank of London & South America Ltd. at the Montepio Geral or at the Caixa Bancaria Pancial Moreira & Ca.; in Brussels at the Societe Generale de Banque; in London at the Anglo Portuguese Bank Ltd. at the Banque Belge Ltd. or at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York; in New York at the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York; and in Luxembourg at the Banque Generale du Luxembourg.
Shares must be deposited in sufficient time to enable the advice of deposit from the above mentioned Banks to reach the Office of the Company not later than the 20th of December, 1975. Any shares so deposited will only be released on the day after the closing of the Meeting.
By order of the Board.
F. NEUBERGH, Financial Agent.

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(Incorporated in Malaysia)
The Transfer Books will be CLOSED from 24th to 26th December, 1975, both dates inclusive.

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CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

REPUBLIC OF IRAQ
Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform
KHALIS AGRICULTURAL ADMINISTRATION
LOWER KHALIS PROJECT
INVITATION TO TENDER
Tenders are invited from Contractors for:
CONTRACT NO. K1
Irrigation & Drainage System, Development Area I

The Works are situated from 20 to 50 km north of Baghdad and include the construction of a canal and drainage system with all associated structures and ancillary works, field drainage and land levelling work as follows:

Development Area	25,000	Hectares
Canal and Drain earthworks	11,000,000	Cubic metres
Land levelling	6,000,000	Cubic metres
Field Drainage (80 & 100 mm dia. pipes)	2,000	Kilometres
Surfaced Access Roads	70	Kilometres
Concrete canal lining (50 to 100 mm thick)	1,500,000	Square metres
Concrete in structures	25,000	Cubic metres

The Contract includes a Nominated Sub-contract for Water Control Equipment with automatic and manually operated gates.
The provisions of Law 157 will be applicable to the Contract specifically those articles relating to:
(i) relief from taxes and duties,
(ii) free importation,
(iii) reimbursement of Social Security and other Labour Law payments.
The Republic of Iraq has negotiated a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies equivalent to $40 million towards the cost of the Lower Khalis Irrigation Project. Tender Documents will be available for purchase in Iraq after 15th January 1976 at a cost of fifty Iraqi Dinars (ID 50/-) payable on application to:—
Director General,
Khalis Agricultural Administration
KHALIS
Iraq.
Tender Documents will also be available for purchase in England after 15th January 1976 at a cost of Eighty-Five Pounds Sterling (£85.00) payable on application to:—
Sir M. MacDonald & Partners,
Consulting Engineers,
Demeter House,
Cambridge CB1 2RS,
England.
Telephone: Cambridge 66455
Telex: 817260
Cables: Screetan, Cambridge.
Contractors intending to purchase Tender Documents are requested to register their interest immediately by writing to the Director General at the above address with a copy to Sir M. MacDonald & Partners in England.
A site visit and meetings for prospective Tenderers will be held early in February 1976, at a date to be notified later.
Tenders are required to be submitted to the Director General of the Khalis Agricultural Administration not later than noon (local time) on the 1st May 1976.
DIRECTOR GENERAL
KHALIS AGRICULTURAL ADMINISTRATION

MINISTRY OF MARITIME TRANSPORT
ALEXANDRIA PORT AUTHORITY
106, Tr. Gamal Abd-el Nasser
Alexandria—A.R.E.
PREQUALIFICATION INVITATION FOR
MARINE WORKS CONSULTANTS
The Alexandria Port Authority intends to construct a new quay 700 mt. length and 14 mt. depth for general cargo near the bulk cargo area at Alexandria harbour.
The World Bank will provide the necessary *fund for this project.*
Consultants with relevant experience in marine structure design and who are intending to submit their offers for the study and design of this project are kindly requested to prequalify not later than 27th Dec., 1975. *Prequalification documents including details* with previous experience, size, cost and period of construction for major marine and work projects may be submitted to the above mentioned address.

TURKISH ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY
ANKARA—TURKEY
Control and Monitoring Equipment shall be purchased covering the following installations for the 4 x 300 MW Afsin-Elbistan Thermal Power Plant, TURKEY.
—Complete remote measuring and monitoring system
—Closed-loop and open-loop control systems
—Monitoring equipment for own power consumption system and synchronisation devices
—Complete alarm annunciation and fault sequence printing system
—Control room and relay room equipment and installations, together with power distribution system
1. Firms who wish to bid, must have supplied and provided the engineering, manufacture, erection and/or erection supervision services of at least three installations in the similar characteristics and put them into operation successfully.
2. Bidders are required to submit the documents with their bid which certifies that they have enough experience to perform this work.
3. Bids will be received until 15.00 hours on February 26, 1976 at the below address of the Turkish Electricity Authority. Delays in mail will not be taken into consideration.
4. Bidders can obtain the Bidding Documents against payment of TL 2.500.- per set to
TÜRKİYE ELEKTRİK KURUMU
Santrallar Dairesi Baskanligi
Necatibey Cad. No. 3 Maro Han Kat 5
Sihhiye-Ankara/TURKEY
5. The Turkish Electricity Authority is not subject to Turkish Law No. 2490.
TÜRKİYE ELEKTRİK KURUMU

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY
Société Nationale des Industries Chimiques
Purchasing department
International Invitation To Tender 1976
Société Nationale des Industries Chimiques invites international tenders for the supply of raw materials and intermediates for its factories producing the following:—
Lot 1. Paints
Lot 2. Detergents
Lot 3. Cosmetics
Lot 4. Ceramic glass
Lot 5. Explosives
Lot 6. Others
Bidders may tender for all or part of a lot or for them all.
Copies of the specifications may be obtained from or consulted at Division Achats de la Société Nationale des Industries Chimiques, El-Harrach Algiers BP no. 27.
Tenders should be sent to the same address and should be placed in two sealed envelopes, the inner one of which should be marked:
"A NE PAS OUVRIR"
"APPEL D'OFFRES INTERNATONAL"
MATIERES PREMIERES 1976
Final date for receipt of tenders is 16.12.75.
Bidders will be bound by the offers for a period of three (3) months.

NOTICE OF International Invitation TO TENDER
La Société Tunisienne de l'Electricité et du Gaz is about to open an international invitation to tender for the supply, delivery, erection and installation of two power stations with a total capacity in the order of 90 MW, equipped with gas turbines and based, the one, at Menzel Bourgiba and the other at Stax.
To finance this project, a loan has been requested from La Banque Internationale pour la Reconstruction et le Développement (B.I.R.D.).
Constructors wishing to submit tenders may obtain bid documents from the registered offices of STEG.
DEPARTMENT DE L'EQUIPEMENT,
38 RUE KEMAL ATATURK,
TUNISIA, TUNIS
On the payment of 100 dinars or equivalent as from the 5th January, 1976. Tenders will be viewed on the 10th of March, 1976.

NOTICE OF International Invitation TO TENDER
La Societe Tunisienne de L'Electricite et du Gaz (STEG) is about to open an international invitation to tender for their supply, delivery, erection and installations of a thermo-electric power station with a total capacity in the region of G.300 MW, in double-banked and based at Sousse.
Constructors wishing to submit tenders may obtain bid documents from the registered offices of STEG:
DEPARTMENT DE L'EQUIPEMENT,
38 RUE KEMAL ATATURK
TUNIS, TUNISIA
or submit their application by means of a payment of 200 Tunisian dinar (or the equivalent value in foreign currency) from January 12th 1976 onwards.
The opening of tenders is planned for April 12th, 1976.

BUSINESS NOTICES

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for fuel saving control device which have established reputation of major savings in heating costs for industrial and commercial users in States. Now company has taken over Inventors' rights and wishes major production and sales in States and intends entry into European market: established U.K. sales organization and capacity for servicing on relatively simple contract requirements for desired U.K. agency. Company team will visit London week of December 13 to meet interested firm. Address responses to: c/o CONTROL DEVICES, INC., Overseas Marketing Division, Suite 500, 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Cable Address BESNAT Washington, D.C. Telex 248578.

NOTICE
TO MANUFACTURERS OF REPRODUCTION GEORGIAN STYLE FURNITURE
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Box 1921 S, The Times.

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EAST COAST SOUTH AMERICA. Managing Director (38), Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, March '76 will undertake commissions. Background: Household Division 11 Co., Manch. of Lloyds Management Consultancy. Prior previous views, London. Man. and Wills Business Management views, 8 Prospect Hill, Douglas, Isle of Man.
FASCINATION COMPANY. Trailing interest offered for shares. Principals only. Box 1144 S, The Times.
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TELEX spa do any business, economical service. Tel. 01-734 [illegible] Bromley, Kent.
TYPEWRITER CALCULATOR Rentals, sales and service, clean, 828 2514.

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EDINBURGH.—We are: part-time secretary (good Italian, some French, and cashier for peripatetic chairman. He's told us to find more work. Do you need a Scottish base? Tel. 031-225 3380 (day); 031-554 8000 (eves.).

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EDUCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

THE LEVERHULME TRUST
Research Awards, 1976

The Leverhulme Trustees, through their Research Awards Advisory Committee, offer:—

(i) FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

A limited number of awards to strengthen the teaching of European Studies in the universities of this country. These awards are intended to assist senior members of the staffs of universities in the United Kingdom to undertake advanced study or research in a European country or countries, excluding the British Isles, in their particular fields of interest. The fellowships are designed to enable scholars in this country directly to consult their academic colleagues in Europe and to have access to sources of original materials.

The fellow must spend at least six months in Europe normally in not more than two separate periods.

The award attached to the fellowship may be expected to contribute towards the direct costs involved in the fellow's study programme such as subsistence while abroad, travel to and from the European country or countries in which the fellow wishes to study, internal travel within the country or countries and other incidental expenses. The award will not normally provide for salaries or personal allowances. It will vary as to amount to meet the circumstances of each case, but will not normally exceed the rate of £350 a month with a maximum total value of £2,000.

The closing date for applications (Form FF/10A) is the 31st December, 1975. The period of award may start from 1st June, 1976.

(ii) SENIOR STUDENTSHIPS

Up to six studentships to enable those who have left university at least five years ago to return and study full-time at a United Kingdom university, preferably, but not necessarily, for a further degree.

Applicants must be graduates of a United Kingdom university who do not already have a post-graduate degree. They must have been educated at a school or schools in the United Kingdom or any other part of the Commonwealth. They must be over the age of 27 on 1st October in the year of the award.

The awards are available at £1,800 a year for one or two years. At the discretion of the Committee a family allowance of not more than £100 per month may be paid depending upon the candidates' circumstances.

Candidates must be available for interview in London in April: travelling expenses within the United Kingdom will be refunded.

The closing date for applications (Form SS/2A) is 15th January, 1976. The period of award will normally date from 1st October, 1976.

(iii) OVERSEAS STUDENTSHIPS

Up to six studentships for a period of advanced study or research in any subject at an institution of university or university college status in any part of the world other than the United Kingdom, Europe or North America.

At the time of application candidates should be graduates of a United Kingdom university, holders of C.N.A.A. degrees or able to show evidence of equivalent education in the United Kingdom. They should also have been educated at a school or schools in the United Kingdom or in any other part of the Commonwealth. They must be normally resident in the United Kingdom and under the age of 30 on 1st October in the year of the award.

The value of the studentships is £1,000 per year. In addition, an amount of £200 will be provided towards outfit and return passages: additional assistance will be available where the cost of the student's return passage exceeds £180 or to meet abnormal requirements connected with the course of study. Two further allowances may be paid at the discretion of the Committee. Firstly, a marriage allowance of £25 per month to a married student when accompanied by his wife, and secondly, to a student going to a country where the cost of living is excessively high.

The awards are tenable for one year or two years if circumstances warrant it. The awards may not normally be held in conjunction with other major awards. Students will be asked on termination of an award to make a short report to the Committee on their experience during the period of study.

Candidates must be available for interview in London late in March: travelling expenses within the United Kingdom will be refunded. Successful candidates will be required to undergo a medical examination before confirmation of their awards.

The closing date for applications (Form 0/2A) is 15th January, 1976. The period of award will normally date from 1st October, 1976.

(iv) EUROPEAN STUDENTSHIPS

Up to eight studentships of £1,200 for one year for advanced study or research in a centre of learning in any European country other than the United Kingdom or Ireland. Two further allowances may be paid at the discretion of the Committee. Firstly, a marriage allowance of £25 per month to a married student when accompanied by his wife, and secondly, to a student going to a country where the cost of living is excessively high.

At the time of application candidates should be graduates of a United Kingdom university, holders of C.N.A.A. degrees, or able to show evidence of equivalent education in the United Kingdom. They should also have been educated at a school or schools in the United Kingdom or in any other part of the Commonwealth. They must be normally resident in the United Kingdom and under the age of 30 on 1st October in the year of the award.

The studentships are tenable only at or in connection with a university, college or similar institution. They are not intended for students who are wishing only to improve their knowledge of modern languages; otherwise no subject of study will be excluded but preference will be given to candidates who intend to study in subjects normally grouped in the Arts and Social Studies faculties of universities.

The period of award normally begins on 1st October and students will be required on termination of the award to make a short report to the Committee on their experience during the year of study. The awards may not normally be held in conjunction with another major award.

Candidates must be available for interview in London in April: travelling expenses within the United Kingdom will be refunded.

The closing date for applications (Form E/2A) is 15th January, 1976. The period of award will normally date from 1st October, 1976.

The results of applications for the above awards will be communicated to the candidates in April 1976.

Application forms and further information from The Secretary, Research Awards Advisory Committee, The Leverhulme Trust, 15-19 New Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1NR. Telephone: 01-248 1910.

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SESSION 1975-76

RAILWAY CLEARING SYSTEM SUPERANNUATION FUND

Notice is hereby given that APPLICATION is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:—

1. To empower the Corporation to transfer to and vest in the British Railways Board, the British Transport Docks Board, the London Transport Executive and the National Freight Corporation certain assets of the fund of the Corporation in respect of certain contributing, non-contributing and superannuated members of that fund (hereinafter referred to as "the old fund"); to provide for the establishment of new funds or the making of other appropriate arrangements by the bodies to which such assets are transferred and for the persons having an interest in the transferred assets to become members of the appropriate new fund or be subject to the other arrangements.

2. To provide for the dissolution of the Council of the old fund and of the Corporation after the said transfers and vestings have been effected and in connection therewith to make further provision relating to the transfer of certain assets of the old fund and members of the Corporation authorized to be transferred to Coras Iompair Eireann by the Railways Clearing System Superannuation Fund Act 1972.

3. To apply the provisions of the said Act of 1972 to the widows or dependent relatives of deceased members of the old fund who are in receipt of joint annuities in accordance with the rules of the Corporation and the old fund.

4. To enact all such ancillary, subsidiary and consequential provisions as are necessary or convenient for the purposes of or in connection with the proposed transfers and vestings and dissolution of the Corporation.

On and after the 4th day of December, 1975 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 15p for each copy at the offices of the Secretary of the Corporation at Stooperdale Offices, Brinkburn Road, Darlington, at the offices of Messrs. McKinty and Wright, Brand's Buildings, Fountain Street, Belfast, BT1 6FL, and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1975.

E. B. TOTMAN, 55 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BD, Solicitor to the Corporation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT BANK GENEVA (En Sursis Concordataire) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Commissaries appointed by the Cantonal Court of Geneva to deal with the affairs of the Bank have had published in the Swiss Official Gazette today a Notice to Creditors of which the following is a free translation.

In accordance with provisions of Article 32 of the procedure rules of the law on Banks and Savings Banks and Article 10 of the regulations concerning the proceedings of Schemes of Arrangement for Banks and Savings Banks, the draft of the Scheme of Arrangement, the Commissaires' Notice, an abridged Statement of Affairs, a Summary of the Assets and of the Liabilities have been deposited with the authority governing the Scheme of Arrangement, for inspection by Creditors who establish their titles. The authority governing the Scheme of Arrangement is:

Cour de Justice Civile, Premiere Section, Palais de Justice, 1, Place du Bourg-de-Four, 1204 Geneve.

Date of deposit: 2nd December, 1975.

Period of deposit for inspection: 30 days

Creditors' objections to the draft Scheme of Arrangement must be made, in writing, to the authority governing the Scheme of Arrangement during the period of deposit for inspection. Those Creditors who do not make their objections within the period of deposit for inspection will be deemed to have approved the Scheme of Arrangement.

The draft of the Scheme of Arrangement will also be available for inspection at the following places:

Geneva: Banque de Credit International Geneve En Sursis Concordataire 7-9 Rue du Conseil-General 1205 Geneve.

Zurich: Deloitte, Haskins & Sells A.G. Kurvenstrasse 17, 8035 Zurich (until 5th December, 1975). Zollikerstrasse 238 8032 Zurich (after 5th December, 1975).

London: International Credit Bank Geneva London Branch 16 St. Swithin's Lane, London, E.C.4.

Luxembourg: Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, 16 Rue Notre-Dame Luxembourg.

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A copy of the draft Scheme may be obtained from the Commissioners or may be inspected at The Rectory, New Inn Road, Hinxworth, Beds. Any representations should be sent in writing to the Commissioners at 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ, to reach them not later than 11th January 1976.

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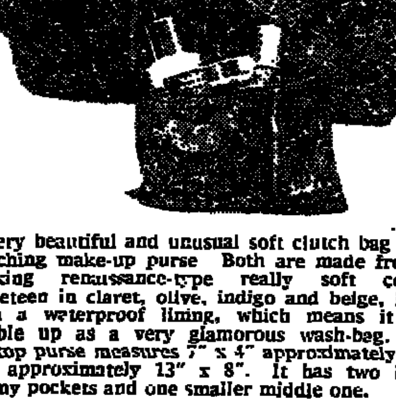
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Must the aircraft industry go the same way as the rest of our state-owned bureaucratic bumbledoms?

The proposal in the Bill now before Parliament to nationalize the aerospace industry deals a substantial blow to the recently revived hopes of more sensible official policies in relation to industry. Speeches by ministers indicating a constructive modification of the class-war character of much of the legislation of the present administration have fallen thick and fast, culminating in the apparently positive statements issued after the Chequers meeting.

What, then, are we to make of this contentious Bill? Its origins lie in the out-dated longings of Labour's left wing. Ignited by a joint working party of trade union officials and Labour Party members (Mr Benn and Lord Beswick), and fuelled by a breathtakingly irresponsible Institute of Workers Control pamphlet solicited from a tiny group in Bristol, this particular piece of leftist fire has not been dampened by the moderates.

Senior ministers have been heard to say that nationalization of the aerospace industry is a small price to pay for the unity in the party which the Prime Minister wants in order to carry forward his programme of pacification and consensus. A small price for ministers who place a small value on their consciences, perhaps, but not for those from whom these concerns are to be sequestered. Nor for the country, which, on all known form, can confidently expect to have a presently efficient and prosperous industry shortly converted to join the rest of the state-owned and bureaucratic bumbledoms.

Not that the aerospace industry is without its problems. On the civil side, there is no prospect of any wholly British aeroplane, and the best that can be hoped for is a reasonable share of a joint project. Then there is the doubt and uncertainty surrounding Concorde, itself an object lesson in the difficulties of making a success of joint projects in civil aircraft where governments are deeply involved.

These difficulties will have to be faced whether the industry is nationaized or not, but will the problems be more effectively solved under state ownership? Not if precedent is any guide. When difficult industrial decisions have to be made, the capabilities of politicians and officials are not much use; the experience and skills of management in the private sector are.

The aircraft industry has already once, in 1959-60, carried out a massive programme of reorganization. The British Aircraft Corporation, which merged the aircraft divisions of Bristol, Vickers and English Electric, is today a prosperous concern, with £800m of outstanding orders of which as much as £600m is for export. Would Whitehall have achieved the same success?

A merger of parts of Hawker Siddeley with BAC would be a highly delicate operation. There have indeed been talks between the parties, and if there is one thing which emerged clearly, it is the need to proceed slowly and with caution. If economic necessity dictates that there must be further reorganization, the industry is perfectly capable of carrying it through, whereas the Government is sure to botch it.

Notwithstanding that three-quarters of BAC's order book is not for the British Government at all, it is undeniable that the aerospace industry, as is the case in all countries, is heavily dependent on government spending in one form or another. In fact, there is the closest inter-working between the industry and the Government.

Accountability exists in the fullest sense. Parliament has more chance of getting to grips with the details of government contracts with independent companies than of penetrating the inner workings of the NCB or the post office.

At any rate, no one has stated in what respect present accountability is inadequate to meet the needs of any real situation. Even if it were so, the present arrangements, or variants of them, could be altered in several ways, including possibly the planning agreement under the new Industry Act.

The Bill claims one of its purposes to be the introduction of "industrial democracy" in the aerospace industry. The talk of "industrial democracy" tells us so far only that our politicians are still unable to tear their thoughts from slogans and gimmicks, which, if they have nothing to put in their place, is not too surprising. There is a general acceptance in industry of the need for a greater degree of involvement by all workers in the affairs of the firms by which they are employed. But you will not find any evidence of progress in this direction in the nationalized industries or other state controlled organizations. The ideas of participation and consultation advance in the private sector in far more imaginative ways, in such firms as Marks & Spencer and, I trust more and more, in GEC, than in nationalized concerns.

So, too, with the argument based on the Government's role as a purchaser. Ministers argue that nationalization of the aircraft industry is justified because the Government is its biggest customer. It is demonstrably not true that sales to the Government are bigger than all other sales; the volume of exports is considerably bigger than sales to the British Government. But it *is* true that the Government is the biggest single customer in the home market.

If these circumstances call for the nationalization of the aerospace industry, regardless of the size of its export business, we had better say goodbye to a very large part of the private sector, including pharmaceuticals, electronics, componants, railway traction, electrical equipment, medical equipment, communications, cotton wool, bricks, cement, timber and heaven knows how many others. And, in the end, paper, surely paper.

This is not all that funny. In conversation, some ministers tend to pooh-pooh the views of the kind of people who devised aerospace nationalization as those of an outlandish minority without power or influence on the sober and moderate policies on which they, the Government, are bent (no pun intended). No power? There is no conceivable reason for the nationalization of the aerospace industry except the power of that minority. That would be bad enough. But if the Government really believes in the reasons it is giving out in its justification (buying its suppliers, etc), that would be even worse. For it demonstrates that the Prime Minister, on whom everything these days depends, the Secretary of State for Industry, and those who think as they do, are willing to see the destruction, for no objective good, of the private sector which they know offers the only possible instrument of national economic salvation and the maintenance of standards of life and liberty which the people do not yet see to be in jeopardy.

Sir Arnold Weinstock

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Bernard Levin

Time to stop being half-hearted about the EEC



The Government's policy, or whatever that thing caught in its moustache is, towards the EEC (of which Britain is, after all, a member, however easy it would sometimes be to forget the fact) continues to recall the traditional advice to party gate-crashers: go in backwards, then they'll think you're just coming out. Mr Wilson has been practising government by caucus-race ("All have won, so all must have prizes") for so long that he now seems incapable, even when nothing depends on it, of saying or doing anything at all in favour of virtue without pointing out that there is, of course, much to be said for sin.

Observe, for instance, his successive comments on the Prentice affair. First, he speaks up for his embattled colleague but takes care to abuse him at the same time. Then, he attacks the conspirators who are trying to drive Mr Prentice out of Parliament, but makes sure that he also attacks those who are trying to stop them. (Perhaps it is not caucus-race politics that Mr Wilson favours so much as nod-and-wink; a nod in the direction of his friends, accompanied by a wink in the direction of his enemies.) And now it is the EEC. The matter having been settled, once and for all, by the referendum, you would think that even this Government would summon up the nerve to stop behaving as though the arguments were still going on and they were still in the position so eloquently summed up by Mr Callaghan when, having lunch with Mr Cecil King, he observed that "the Government is definitely going into the Common Market, and the pledges were only given to keep Barbara Castle and her friends quiet until after the election".

I am not referring to the Government's posturing over Britain's separate representation at the energy conference, which looks like turning into the War of Callaghan's Muscles; absurd though the posturing is, Mr Wilson made himself a hostage to such absurdity when Mr Benn became Energy Minister, and would not now dare to give the bug-eyed monster such a perfect excuse for resigning, quite apart from the fact that Mr Wilson is sufficiently shrewd a politician to know very well that his cries of "me Tarzan, you Jane" go down well with the public, at any rate for a limited time. What is far more deplorable is Britain's obstruction of the progress towards direct election to the European Parliament.

The Labour left have never accepted Britain's decision to join the EEC. That in itself is of no importance; many of the Labour left have never accepted twice two's decision to make four, and if it comes to that some of them have never accepted Britain's decision to remain a democracy, and are assiduously working to ensure that she does not. But the Prime Minister and the Cabinet are now armed with the referendum result, which not even the exegetical skills of an NEC fellow-traveller who has just lost a vote by two to one or thereabouts could explain away, and in addition with the fact that although Britain has remained inside the EEC Mr Shore's prediction that unless we withdrew the country would be overrun by millions of giant green poisonous vampire bats from Saturn has not come true, or at least not so far.

Since that is the state of affairs, what possible justification can there be for the way in which Britain has constituted herself the dragging anchor of the enterprise? The EEC has anyway moved so slowly towards even the most limited forms of genuine integration (and that is true of the economic forms, never mind the political) as to be disappointing almost to the point of disillusionment. Political integration depends on economic integration; economic integration depends on a common currency; a common currency depends on a common approach to economic problems; a common approach to economic problems might as well, for all the progress made towards achieving it, depend on the arrival of Mr Shore's giant green poisonous vampire bats. And yet the very first link in the chain—the direct elections to the European Parliament cannot be forged, largely because the British Government is reluctant to help lift the hammer.

All sorts of feeble excuses are being put about. We hear that our political parties, impoverished by the ordinary costs of politics, cannot afford a political campaign of the kind that would be involved; we learn that the confusion and unheaval that would result from putting in an extra election would be too great; we are told that it is impossible to devise, at any rate before the end of the century or thereabouts, proper constituencies for the 67 members of Britain's entitlement; we are given, I understand—perhaps the most bizarre excuse of the lot—that if, at some future date, further European countries should adhere to the EEC, their ration of European MPs, added to the existing Strasbourg legislature would make the thing intolerably large and unwieldy. So far, we have not been warned by Mr Shore that such elections would result in the country being overrun by millions of giant green poisonous vampire bats from Saturn, but that can only be a matter of time.

Are we in the EEC because we believe in it and what it stands for and in what it can do for Europe in general and Britain in particular? Or are we in it because we couldn't think of anywhere else to go one rainy afternoon so we thought we might as well? As a matter of fact, there has never been any doubt of Mr Wilson's attitude; he has been strongly in favour of Britain's entering, and remaining, in the EEC from the start, and he only pretended to have doubts for his own party-political purposes. But since June there has been no more personal political gain for him in giving ambiguous comfort to the opponents of Britain's membership, and unless—as is quite possible, I suppose—he is in the position of Max Beerbohm's Lord George Hell, who wore the mask for so long that it eventually became his face, why does he not now reap the rewards of a political virtue he does not possess, and show that Britain is a loyal and trustworthy partner in the admirable but precarious enterprise?

Perhaps he or his colleagues are alarmed at the possibility that if the voters of Britain could participate in direct elections for the European Parliament, the present warm, comfortable system of places for placemen might collapse. Perhaps the Government thinks, as well it might, that the voters would demonstrate their political feelings about conditions in Britain by massacring Labour's Eurocandidates at the poll. Perhaps, and this is even more likely, it is felt that this scramble for Euroseats would only show up, not to say aggravate, the fissiparous condition of the Labour Party. But none of these considerations seems to me important enough to warrant the craven attitude to something to which, after all, Britain is supposed to be committed. As it happens, no great immediate harm or good is likely to come out of direct elections for Strasbourg; but few things could provide a better symbolic determination of Britain's wish to break with the past and lead a truly European future. Britain's intention of doing that was amply demonstrated in June; so far, however, practically nothing has been done to give effect to that intention. It is time a start was made, by declaring Britain's readiness to hold direct elections for the European Parliament, and by immediately putting in hand, as a matter of urgency, the necessary work.

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Uneasy stability comes back to Iraq

"I see some flowers have grown too tall, and their heads are ripe for cutting." This standard formula for governing Iraq was laid down in the early days of Islam by the Umayyad Governor, Hajjaj Bin Yusif, who restored order in the country by enclosing all its unruly chieftains in a mosque and massacring them. The more intelligent apologists of the present regime tend to explain its policy in somewhat similar terms.

The Arab Baath Socialist Party, after seven years in power, can at least claim the credit for restoring a certain stability and a high degree of public order. The people have not, of course, been given any opportunity to pass judgment.

The Baath has suppressed all faction-fighting, by forcing all factions to choose between co-operation with itself on its own terms and extinction. And it has done so not simply in the name of an individual (although the names and faces of President Ahmed Hassan al Bakr and vice-president Sadam Husain Tikriti are everywhere to be seen) but in that of a Pan-Arab socialist party with a reasonably coherent programme and doctrine. It has given the Iraqi state effective control of Iraq's natural resources and, helped by the 1973 oil price leap, it has launched Iraq on a very ambitious programme of rapid economic development.

This has been achieved at a price paid chiefly by Iraq's small highly educated elite, which has been nauseated by endlessly repeated stultifying slogans and terrorized by a ruthless security police under tight party control.

No one knows how many people have been executed or have died under torture since 1968, but it certainly runs into hundreds. Officials and intellectuals can be arrested at any time on suspicion of corruption or espionage, and woe betide them if they cannot quickly invoke the protection of a party superior. Membership of a masonic lodge is an offence carrying a possible death sentence and any Iraqi who talks to foreigners about political prisoners or military courts does so at his peril.

It is in this context that the Kurdish rebellion and its defeat have to be seen. The Baath does not treat Kurds significantly worse than other Iraqis. In some ways, out of anxiety to integrate a non-Arab minority into an Arab nationalist society, it treats them better.

No other political party has received such privileged treatment from the Baath as the Kurdistan Democratic Party did between 1970 and 1974. Not only did it receive government posts (as did the communists), not only was it left in physical control of a large area of the country, it was even allowed to publish an Arabic newspaper in Baghdad which was often highly critical of the regime.

Whose fault was it that this remarkable compromise did not last? General Mustafa Barzani and the midstream of the Kurdish National Party, the KDP, argued that the Baath never intended to give real autonomy to Kurdistan, and that in promulgating its own autonomy law unilaterally on March 11, 1974, as an ultimatum to the KDP, it was deliberately initiating a new armed conflict.

But the Baath undoubtedly had the support of most Arab Iraqis and of some Kurds when it argued that the KDP itself made renewal of the war inevitable by maintaining its own armed forces and its contacts with foreign powers (notably Iran) and by flouting the authority of the government in the area it controlled.

General Barzani's defeat is thus seen by many Iraqis as a mixed blessing. His success could only have meant the downfall of the Baath regime, a new period of instability in Baghdad, and perhaps even the actual break up of Iraq. Barzani himself had become an increasingly anachronistic figure, and the discredit incurred by his policy of total reliance on Iran must facilitate the emergence of a more modern and realistic Kurdish leadership.

Also, the fact that the Baath has now emerged as undisputed master of Iraq has visibly allowed it to relax.

There is less terror now or pathological suspicion of foreigners, more eagerness to develop normal relations with the outside world, particularly the west, and a less acute need for military spares and ammunition enables Iraq to take a more critical attitude towards the USSR. (Iraqi military men stress the need to diversify arms supply sources in order to avoid a situation like that posed for Turkey by the American arms embargo.)

On the other hand, the existence of the KDP as an independent force did provide a check on the Baath's absolute power, the loss of which some Arab Iraqis regret, and its defeat leaves the Kurds, including those who supported the government, very much dependent on the Baath's good will.

On the whole Baathist leaders seem sincere in wishing to demonstrate their generosity towards the Kurds and the agreement negotiated with the KDP in 1970 remains the official basis of party policy.

How far this policy convinces the Kurdish masses one can only guess. So far, I suspect, not much. But its credibility will be enhanced if most of the Kurds now in the south are allowed to return quickly to their homes, if the reappearance of a daily newspaper in Kurdish is quickly authorized and if the Baath in its own press can bring itself to call Kurdistan by its name, instead of referring always to "the north" or to "the autonomous area".

Edward Mortimer



A Hanoi street: cyclists in abundance, very few cars and no dogs.

Life today in the silent streets of Hanoi

After the smoke has settled and the noise has subsided, a tiny helicopter lifts off the roof of the American Embassy in Saigon and leaves the scene. Seconds later, a proud voice announces through the loudspeaker: "Vietnam is now totally liberated and free of foreign forces." Then, rows of tanks—some sporting the National Liberation Front flag and others the North Vietnamese flag—waddle into the centre of Saigon to the sound of heroic music.

Nearly seven months after the fall of Saigon, this large dramatic reenactment at Hanoi's Museum of the Revolution continues to enthral visitors with broadcast texts in Vietnamese, French and Russian. The papier-maché display is overlooked by a map of Vietnam which in common with many others I saw in North Vietnam, indicates Hanoi with a large red star while Saigon often goes unnoticed.

While during the course of the war, North Vietnamese officials were reluctant and evasive about the role of their troops in South Vietnam, no such qualms grip them today.

During a discussion I had with a former North Vietnamese officer about a minor battle I witnessed in South Vietnam last January, he said: "Yes, our troops were involved in that battle."

My seven-day visit to North Vietnam was as a member of a tour group, so that although I had earlier stated that I was a journalist, I was unable to interview any officials. Despite this drawback, and the organized nature of the tour, it was possible to gain some impression of ordinary life in North Vietnam. Hanoi, with its population of 1.3 million, still looks like a French provincial town, with its imposing leafy boulevards and avenues and hundreds of magnificent but crumbling stucco villas. The other noticeable feature of Hanoi is the silence along many of the streets because of the absence of private cars and the abundance of bicycles. Coupled to this there are no dogs in Hanoi—they were banned many years ago for health reasons.

The thousands of circular one-man aircraft shelters with their cement manhole covers finally disappeared from Hanoi several weeks ago and by far the greatest number of visible guns in the city were to be found in the various museums praising Vietnamese history, the revolution and the army.

For some time, North Vietnam has had to annually import about £50m worth of foodstuffs and there was certainly little food or goods on display in Hanoi's markets, save for hand-made cane baskets and some basic clothing and tolls.

There has been a steady stream of consumer goods into North Vietnam from the south particularly electric fans, radios and electrical goods. Publicly though, apart from a group of new American army lorries, the only other visible exports from the south were a Honda motorcycle and some cars.

Damage and destruction from the protracted American air raids was not immediately noticeable in Hanoi. On the outskirts though, a large railway workshop still appeared to be badly damaged and our guides said it had been destroyed three times during the war.

In Hanoi itself, the only damage we witnessed was along a street near the Bach Mai hospital which was partly destroyed during the Christmas 1972 bombing campaign. However although some houses were obviously newly reconstructed, our guides claimed that the whole area had been razed to the ground which is unlikely given that all of the trees along the street remain standing.

Apart from a modernistic guest house for foreign dignitaries, and a Cuban hotel, the only new architecture in Hanoi I saw was the drab marble mausoleum which houses the body of Ho Chi-minh.

With its flat roof-line and squat pillars, it certainly betrays its Russian origin, further exemplified by the presence of solid Vietnamese guards goose-stepping along the lines of hundreds of Vietnamese queueing to glimpse the fragile figure of Ho Chi-minh.

The North Vietnamese countryside shows hardly any signs of the industrial age save for the numerous destroyed bridges which are mainly being repaired by hand.

There are more than 20,000 collective farms in North Vietnam with well-run health and welfare systems. City people admitted that life in the countryside was far preferable for ordinary people than the cities as they could grow some of their own foodstuffs and generally face less restrictions in everyday living.

On the question of reunification, diplomatic sources in Hanoi said it is widely rumoured that it would coincide with the Communist Party Congress which is expected to be held in March next year.

On the question of Vietnamese alignment in the Sino-Soviet dispute, most diplomats believe that Hanoi has taken a gradual turn towards the Soviet Union this year, culminating in party leader Le Duan's successful visit to Moscow this month. Le Duan made a similar visit to Peking before his East European and Soviet tour, but that was only after the failure of other Vietnamese officials to make an impression on Chinese officials about their needs for continuing long term economic assistance, according to diplomats in Hanoi. As it was, North Vietnam was only granted a small number of loans by the Chinese which were only for a twelve months period according to the diplomats.

Despite fears in the region that North Vietnam intends to support the various communist movements in South East Asia after its own victory in the south, western officials in North Vietnam are less pessimistic.

The generally expressed view was that with its enormous industrial and agricultural problems to solve, not to mention the complicated nature of planning for such diverse regions as North and South Vietnam, Hanoi will publicly uphold the necessity of the people's struggle but devote most of its own efforts to reconstruction and reunification.

Bruce Palling

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The Times Diary

Opponents of art and lust sling mud

The reason most artists and writers support Labour in the Australian election, Michael Leapman reports, is probably that the Liberal-Country coalition like to promote themselves as aggressively anti-art. One of the themes of their campaign has been to criticize government spending on art, and in particular the costly purchase for the national collection of *Blue Poles* by Jackson Pollock.

At one Liberal rally I heard a speaker criticize not only the painting's artistic merit but also its durability. "Some of the paint is starting to peel off already, I hear", he alleged.

Gough Whitlam, the Labour leader, equally aggressively defends his artistic taste. "When I went to Washington recently and saw some other Jackson Pollocks", he said this week, "I realised the significance of *Blue Poles* more vividly. It was the best of the lot."

Whitlam's opponents also criticize his cultural pursuits on his visits abroad. A joke which Malcolm Fraser, the Liberal leader, has made often in his speeches is: "One of the reasons Whitlam liked looking at ruins overseas is because it took his mind off the ruins at home." (Fraser believes you can never have too much of a good joke. Another one he repeats often is: "Whitlam is standing on his record because he hopes that way nobody will see it.")

Whitlam has responded to the jibes about his foreign visits by implying that when Fraser's men travel abroad they like to gratify their senses in a less cultural fashion. He alleged, without offering substantiation, that they demanded "very personal arrangements for some of them, I am told". They acted, he said, like they thought tourists usually acted. And he concluded: "Thank God we acted above reproach."

In this contest Fraser probably emerges the popular winner. Your average earthy Australian is likely to be offended more by impenetrable paintings of poles than by allegations of lusty sin. The contenders continue their mutual mud-slinging with growing abandon, and many of us would be disappointed if they were to stop.

The danger of arming policemen was shown when Gough Whitlam addressed a meeting in Sydney. Policemen linked arms to keep back the crowds and, while they did so, somebody stole one of their revolvers.

Inside

At this election, for the first time, people serving 12 months or less in Victoria prisons are allowed to vote. Politicians, though, are having difficulty getting their message across to this small group of voters.

This week a Labour Senate candidate arranged a visit to Beechworth prison in north-east Victoria—the part of the world where Ned Kelly, the Australian folk hero, used to operate.

But when the candidate arrived at the fine old building he was refused entry. Two warders who oppose Labour had complained and had the permission rescinded.

Finally he was allowed to enter so long as he did not deliver a "political harangue" and so long as he did not take his attendant flock of reporters and cameramen in with him.



No further such visits will be allowed, however, so the prisoners will stay aloof from the campaign, which might be a relief for them.

Scientific

The Royal Society, that most eminent of scientific bodies, has this week elected a Scotsman as its new president, but it is still refusing to pay serious attention to the Loch Ness Monster. And this in spite of the newly-installed Lord Todd's complaint at the Society's 315th anniversary dinner on Monday night, before an audience stiff with Nobel prizewinners, that there was currently a wave of antagonism and disillusionment directed at science and research.

Sir Harrie Massey, one of our leading space technologists, unsportingly told guests that Nessie belonged in the same category as astrology and anti-gravity, namely pseudo-scientific mumbo-jumbo. Beware of such things, said Sir Harrie.

As some small recompense for dismissing the Monster the Society kindly set up another experiment for its dinner guests, to see if the Governor of the Bank of England could be funny. Gordon Richardson was, as he said, placed in front of a microphone, the simple instruction "Be light-hearted" was fed into him, and he was switched on.

"Gravity may belong to the Royal Society by discovery but the Bank of England made an early takeover", quipped Richardson. Then he went on to say that the Society's experiments in making things float had probably been more successful than the Bank's. The demonstration was deemed a success.

Of course the Royal Society is not what it was, for it used to admit diarists to its elite ranks; both Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn were members. Evelyn once wrote of "those regions of peace and love and lasting friendships where . . . we shall meet with no prohibition of what is desirable. This, sir, is the state of the Royal Society". As it happens he was writing about life after death at the time.

Awesome

A National Association for Freedom was launched at a press conference at the Savoy Hotel yesterday, ironically beset by security restrictions. The platform, which included Norris McWhirter, the brother of the murdered Ross, had a sympathetic and respectful hearing from an uncommonly crowded room, until a man from *The Economist* asked why the new association's council was "such a bizarre collection of people".

The particular object of *The Economist's* scorn was Patricia Hayward-Ellen, whom the chairman, Lord De L'Isle had introduced as being from the Bond Street Association. Though she looked decorative, wearing a fur hat and a golden choker, there was evidently a suspicion in the room that she was there to protect jewellers' plate-glass windows. "Isn't it ridiculous for one-seventh of your platform space to be given to the Bond Street Association?", the man from *The Economist* asked. "When are you getting some heavyweights?"

Mrs Hayward-Ellen said nothing then, but afterwards she laid her claim as a woman to be reckoned with.

She recounted an experience when she found a woman bleeding on a pavement, went into a nearby cafe, and bravely accosted a man "about six feet wide, called Napoleon", who had thrown the woman through a window. "I told him he must call the hospital or I would call the police", she said, "and for the first time he saw that woman as an individual and not just as an object you could throw through a window."

Thanks to her timely intervention, she added, Napoleon and the woman had now been happily married for 10 years, and had five children. "I believe in the individual, and I am ready to fight. That is why I am here today", she declared. If these are the lightweights, perhaps the heavyweights could be spared after all.

Closing

People who follow east European affairs are losing one of the bright spots in their mostly brain-deadening reading matter. It is *Democratic German Report*, an English-language fortnightly published in East Berlin. John Peet, a former Reuter correspondent who crossed over from the western sector in 1950.

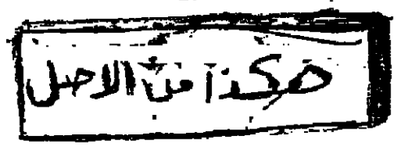
John Peet says that the paper is closing because it has outlived its usefulness. He has plenty to do, he says, helping to translate the complete works of Marx and Engels for a new English edition. His long practice in making Marxism readable should be useful.

Tiff

The Downing Street press office has fallen out with *The Times* and is refusing to speak to this newspaper because our colleague Philip Howard, in his occasional series on new words and new meanings last week, light-heartedly defined truth as "little more than the official line uttered by a Downing Street spokesman or some other professional liar".

When we telephoned Downing Street a very polite and patient woman explained at some length that each of the press officers there was in agreement on the ban, and that they would expect an apology before they talked to us again. Funny, we thought they were not talking to us.

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COLD COMFORT FOR MR BREZHNEV

Mr Nikolai Baibakov, chairman of the Soviet state planning authority, could not bring himself to announce the results of the harvest when he addressed the Supreme Soviet yesterday. This must mean that they are bad enough to be a serious political embarrassment. Western experts have put the figure at about 170 million tonnes, which is a long way below the planned target of 215,700,000 tonnes. The weather is not wholly to blame. Mr Baibakov said that bad use had been made of irrigated and drained land, that not enough fertilizers had been used, and that there was insufficient machinery. It is a poor reward for fifty years of communism and ten years of serious efforts by Mr Brezhnev to modernize Soviet agriculture.

The first implications are already apparent. The production of consumer goods, it is announced, will rise by only 2.7 per cent next year, which is one of the lowest figures for peace time since the famine of 1933. The Soviet consumer had his expectations aroused by the party congress of 1971, which promised that his sector would receive slightly higher priority than heavy industry. By half-time he would already see that the traditional preponderance of heavy industry had reasserted itself. Now he must cut back his expectations some more. He may enjoy a glut of meat as livestock are killed off for lack of fodder but in other respects he is going to have to adjust to somewhat slower growth, albeit higher than in many western countries at the moment.

Next to suffer will be the Soviet balance of payments in trade with the west. The deficit would be large even without the cost of the huge grain purchases from the United States. Although the Sovier Union has been able to charge more for its raw materials it has sold less because of the recession in the west. At the same time it has had to pay much more for western imports. It has sold large quantities of gold and borrowed heavily in western Europe.

Politically this will not make life any easier for Mr Brezhnev as he approaches the party congress in February. The announcement that he will be delivering the main speech indicates that he is not about to step down but whether he will last to the end of 1976 is still a very open question. His record will therefore be under closer scrutiny than usual and could provide ammunition for those who think he should go sooner rather than later.

His record as a whole is impressive in Soviet terms but there is no doubt that he ran into a difficult period this year. Hardly anything has come out right for him. He has lost ground in Egypt and Portugal and become embroiled in a risky venture in Angola. In the United States détente has come under growing criticism and will remain under pressure during the election campaign. There is no progress on limiting strategic arms or reducing forces in Europe. The Helsinki conference, on which he worked for so many years, has done relatively little to relax the west and has put human rights formally on the agenda of east-west relations. His efforts to convene a conference of European communist parties have revealed more clearly than ever the split between communists of east and west Europe and the inability of Moscow to impose its leadership.

Now comes the failure of the harvest. For a leader in a weaker position it would be a fatal blow but Mr Brezhnev has always been a skilful survivor, and he is helped by the absence of any obvious successor. The main question, however, is whether his policies survive, regardless of whether he himself is in or out of office. On the whole they probably will. Some Soviet critics may argue that the Soviet Union is now paying the price of being too exposed to the world economy and too restrained in its exploitation of western difficulties, but the broad Soviet interest in peaceful relations with the west is likely to remain and to be enhanced by the new evidence of its need for western technology. The critical issue is whether recognition of this will be translated into restrained behaviour in trouble spots such as Angola and the Middle East and willingness to cooperate in curbing the arms race.

IR SMITH OFFERS SAFE CONDUCT

e agreement by Mr Smith and Nkomo to proceed to subntive talks on a constitutional ttlement is a small but significnt step forward. The Victoria lls conference stalled because r Smith ruled that there would no immunity for African aders charged with criminal or rrorist offences seeking to tend the substantive talks to held inside Rhodesia. That cision excluded Mr Sithole, Mr nickerema and others of the rmer Zanu faction. The hodesians said they had never reed to grant such immunities the talks in Pretoria which eceded the Victoria Falls meetg, but it became evident that e South Africans had intended foreseeing failure otherwise.

Now Mr Smith has made the cession, when it is easier to ke. For in the meantime the desian Africans have split n more completely into those want a peaceful transition those who say they will ch into Salisbury with an y. Mr Nkomo has become er of the official ANC, and erday indicated that he will invite the leaders of—one t almost say—the "Provials", like Mr Sithole, to take ntage of the immunity he has arranged. If he did, they would spurn him. They have put all their hopes in the training of guerrillas in Tanzania and they have the glint of Cuban bayonets in their eyes. Mr Smith's concession is more apparent than real, though perhaps a turn of the wheel may bring some militants safely to Salisbury at some stage.

The prognosis for the substantive talks is pessimistic. Yet elaborate arrangements for a public failure to agree on anything will do neither side any good. It will hardly enable Mr Nkomo to rejoin the militants. It will deepen South African anger at Rhodesian intransigence. South Africa is not so far from putting its own economic sanctions on Rhodesia, as a further bizarre touch to the paradoxes of the Rhodesian affair.

Mr Nkomo and Mr Smith have been in touch with each other in the intervening months, and it seems more likely that some sort of transitional agreement has been sketched, even granted the unlimited capacity of Mr Smith to give an impression of talking when he is saying nothing. Whatever the formula both will have to call it "unimpeded advance to majority rule" in order to satisfy their own external backers: Mr Nkomo, Dr Kaunda: and Mr Smith, Mr Vorster. Both must know that they will have even more trouble with their domestic constituencies. To the right of Mr Smith there are Rhodesians almost ready to declare their independence of South Africa on the slogan "baaskap in one country". Mr Nkomo's faction in Rhodesia is the weaker of the two, and he will quickly have to be underpinned by the ability to hand down power and benefits —jobs and perks for the eligible faithful—if he is to show he is no puppet.

Mr Smith has, if he can see it, much to gain from giving Mr Nkomo enough concessions to hold the confidence of the black presidents who are still in détente with Mr Vorster. He could claim black support against terrorists if Mr Nkomo could say "they are attacking my government" as a partner in a "transitional" coalition government. Mr Nkomo, if he can get an agreement which he can sell abroad and to enough of his own people has nowhere to go but up. But to take a favourable view of the prospect is, after ten years of frustrated hopes, to draw on every silver lining, every gleam of common sense, to be found.

SSATISFACTION AT ROAD INQUIRIES

ic inquiries into proposed roads are typically occasions e people talk at cross purs. The objectors suspect the issues have been decided dy, and the official wites take refuge behind opaque ic forecasts which cannot tively be challenged or subiated. The result is frustrated and some objectors at recent iries into roads in Epping st, Airedale and Cornwall attempted to disrupt the edings and, intentionally or to discredit the whole ss of local inquiry. Some of are opposed on principle to uilding of any new motorat all and go into action dless of the merits of par- projects.

e place for such arguments national debate, to be deterd ultimately in Parliament. inquiries and national es alike would soon be ed to nonsense if the overlicy within which proposals conceived had to be essed from the start every But national transport is in some confusion at the nt, and this affects local ries, whether the issues are lly argued before them or

se uncertainties make it that some attention should be given to the wider circumstances at local inquiries. Obsolete assumptions that only recently went unquestioned may still be found, serving to justify new proposals. In the past the context of the hearings was undoubtedly too narrow. At one time even the relevance of questions about the need for a new road (as distinct from its precise route) was disputed, and the Department of the Environment refused to let its witnesses be cross-examined either on that topic or on the validity of its traffic forecasts. The attitude of the department has changed somewhat, though objectors still received too little information about the thinking behind a proposal and its relationship to other projects which have not yet reached the point of public inquiry. But it is right that the main emphasis should remain upon the objections of individuals whose immediate interests are affected by a new road. In form and timing, local inquiries are adapted to the necessary discussion of details of plans whose outlines are already settled.

It has even been suggested that objectors without a direct residential or commercial interest should be excluded from the hearings altogether. The intrusion of national campaigners and hair-splitting lawyers has come about because there is no machinery at an earlier stage for the airing of the large issues—such questions as: "Granting national policy, is this road necessary?" or "Is it the best of the alternative routes?". The local hearing is really too late for this kind of question. The Department now rightly makes some effort to publicize its intentions and gather opinion at an earlier stage, but these are informal soundings which many citizens must find remote.

Ideally, from this point of view, there should be a two-stage process, with one inquiry to settle the outlines and another for the details. Cost and delay are probably conclusive objections to this, if we are ever to get decisions on new roads at all. But without some formal prior hearing of this kind it would be wrong to exclude objectors who lacked a direct interest (and probably futile, as they would usually be able to find and brief some local resident as their spokesman). Imperfect as it is for the task, the local inquiry must take some account of wider questions, and the public must already have been fully informed about the whole context of a proposal, if the process is to regain some of the respect that it has lost.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Industrial action by doctors

From Professor Ivor H. Mills

Sir, In May of this year I wrote that the breakdown of society was going much faster than one would have predicted in 1970. Surely there has been a mighty leap forward along the downward path with the use by the healing profession of degrees of human misery as the coins of trade in the social intercourse between doctors and government.

Can we really call ourselves a civilized society when doctors withdraw their labour so that casualty and accident departments close their doors to those who have broken bones and internal bleeding? What sort of people are we to force such patients to be bumped over 20, 30 or 40 miles of roads to the next hospital in the hope that their doors might still be open?

There is no point in the BMA saying blithely that real emergencies will be dealt with when we know that already some hospital doors are shut, causing inevitable delay in setting fractures or staunching internal haemorrhage. It may be impossible to prove that some patients died because of delay in treatment but can we be sure that permanent harm will not be caused to some; can we ignore the scars on some patients' memories from unduly prolonged physical agony?

To those who answer, "It is only non-emergency cases that we shall leave untreated: we would not allow any serious things to occur", I would answer, "Can we then blame Barbara Castle if she takes the doctors at their word and allows the dispute to drift on, happy in the thought that no patients will actually be allowed to die or suffer irreparable harm?". She knows, as many of us do, that if she gave in to the junior doctors, trade unions might ignore the doctors' view that the pay code had not been broken and, because they considered it had, hold the country to ransom to get excessive pay increases. Then civilization as we know it would certainly be destroyed by rampant inflation.

Have we become so blasé about death and destruction from the years of shooting in Northern Ireland or the bombing of innocent people in England that human suffering no longer has any meaning? Let society remember that it is not just doctors who are prepared to drive their demands with ruthless disregard of the suffering of others.

We have seen the escalation of challenges to society for personal gain from many quarters in recent years. We have fostered the evolution of a society in which the rewards are high for those who will drive themselves and others to the limits of tolerance. Is it then surprising that some in desperation turn to violence to themselves, to their children, to their families, to their fellows in dark streets or outside football grounds?

More and more we see intelligent human beings driven relentlessly by compulsive mental processes, uninfluenced by reason and common sense. Now we see doctors behaving just the same, driven by a heartless desire to have their own way at all costs, totally blind to the misery of others. Can no one shout "Halt" loud enough to stop us losing all self-respect and the respect of our patients before it is too late?

The tragedy is heightened by the incomparable folly of Barbara Castle and the government in choosing this time to legislate the removal of private beds from the NHS. Those of us debarred from private practice will see the loss to medical research of the sums of money normally paid by patients in private beds to our universities as fees for our services. Inevitably two standards of medicine will arise.

Despite all the promises of licensing private beds, much of the best medicine will not require such beds and will be available only to those who can pay. Workers in the professions supplementary to medicine will inevitably be enticed from the NHS leaving only second class medicine behind.

There is little doubt that the quality of life is falling very fast. On every side we see people who no longer care how much harm they do to others and to society in general so long as they get what they want.

Yours faithfully,
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Angels on a needle

From Professor H. H. Rosenbrock

Sir, It is easy to see how the question about the numbers of souls or angels which could sit on the point of a needle could come to be debated in medieval times. St Thomas Aquinas, in the *Summa Theologica*, Book 1, Questions 52, considers three questions. Is an angel in a place?—to which he answers yes. Can an angel be in several places at once?—no. Can several angels be in the same place at the same time?—no. He remarks that "Some, however, have been deceived in this matter. For some who were unable to go beyond the reach of their imaginations supposed the indivisibility of the angel to be like that of a point; consequently they thought that an angel could be only in a place which is a point."

If angels are located at mathematical points, then the question becomes a debate about set theory. In medieval times this was no doubt a subject filled with paradox. In modern times, mathematicians have settled upon definitive answers in which they all agree.

So for example, taking the view which Aquinas condemns, any countably infinite set of angels can sit upon the point of a needle, but not every uncountably infinite set. Similarly it is possible to define a space which is connected but not locally connected, in which an angel can dance from any point to any other, but cannot dance, in a continuous manner, in a circle around any point.

Yours faithfully,
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Tightening the educational belt

From the Headmaster of Bishop Bright Grammar School

Sir, The public schools, the direct grant schools and now the Oxford Union, when these educational institutions are endangered eminent and influential persons rise to defend them, to ask help for them, to explain how useful and indeed necessary it is that special positions or money or public recognition should be given them. Feeling is very strong among those they have helped, and certainly they have helped many, including myself. However, of the nation as a whole they have helped a very small proportion, yet when they are touched the shouting is both loud and long and often effective—their group is the articulate group.

How tragic then that the educational institutions of the majority are left without anyone with breath to shout. At this moment the maintained school system is woefully under financed. This is the basic difficulty for the comprehensive schools—not the theory behind them but the money put into them. The buildings, of course, look magnificent in many cases—but what matters in anything is never the shiny exterior but the working parts. No self-respecting public school would attempt to manage on the staffing ratios and capitation allowances given by mean education authorities—and most authorities are very mean.

The truth is that if the maintained schools are to do the increasing tasks set them they must have more resources, not less. Yet at this moment every education authority in the country is devising means of yet further reducing the reseources available for helping an increasingly disturbed and deprived generation. No doubt as violence continues to grow and children cease not only to be able to read but to be able to speak, the schools will be blamed for this by the very sections of the communities demanding that we tighten our belts.

Now I am one of those who has for a long time hoped that we as a nation would tighten our belts—and I can think of a lot of ways of doing that, all uncomfortable, that I would willingly support. I do not see the present tightening on education as a tightening of a belt so much as the tightening of a noose. The maintained schools are about to be lynched. Warwickshire, for example, is working our plans to cut over £1m from its education budget. There really is not, after the devastation of 1969, and the failure to keep pace with rising prices, anything to cut in the schools except their throats.

Yet it is unnecessary—there's one obvious way out. Last year the subsidy Warwickshire gave to school meals was over £2m—next year perhaps over £3m. Why, when we are deliberately refusing to help children at the most critical stage of their lives (under five), does the Government refuse to charge an economic price to well-off parents for school meals? My son, aged 8, receives as subsidy for his meals some six times the sum that his school receives for his books and equipment—and that with a parent with a salary of over £7,000. It is crazy.

We have a choice between subsidized restaurants and education. Let those who need free meals have them and let the rest pay the full price or eat sandwiches. To save half that subsidy would keep us afloat—to save three quarters would enable us to go to war on deprivation. We might even produce maintained schools good enough to allay the anxieties of the 5 per cent or so who do not use them—but will anyone shout for all the rest?

Yours sincerely,
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Replacement building

From the Chairman of Save Britain's Heritage

Sir, Mr Crosland should be congratulated not criticized for his refusal of permission to demolish 197-200 Queen's Gare and 25 Kensington Gore. Your correspondents (November 29) quote from the inspector's report to suggest that the building was not sufficiently exceptional to merit preservation. Yet now that "Kensington Italianate" as it is known has been properly assessed in the admirable recent volumes of the *London Survey* it is clear that at its best it ranks not only with the work of Thomas Cubitt in Belgravia but Nash as well. The houses in question form a handsome group marking the beginning of what was once one of London's most splendid Victorian streets. The corner house, now the Yugoslav Embassy, is an exceptionally complete example of the grandest type of late nineteenth-century town house. Designed in 1874 by S. W. Dawkes it contains a spectacular Jacobean dining room executed in black inlaid walnut, and made by Gillows, the cabinet makers, for the Prince of Wales's pavilion at the 1878 Paris Exhibition.

Mr Crosland also deserves support in refusing to take into consideration the quality of the proposed new building. By this line of argument any developer employing a well known architect to produce an ambitious scheme could claim he was providing London with a better building. Yet what guarantee has the public that the design of the new building will not have to be considerably altered or modified for economic reasons? When permission was given to demolish the buildings at the corner of Piccadilly and Hamilton Place the quality of the replacement building was an important factor. The result is an ungainly hotel, wholly out of scale with Apsley House and St George's Hospital.

Your correspondents say that unless they are allowed to demolish such buildings "there is little chance for our society to produce any worthwhile buildings". Yet only about 1 per cent of the buildings in Greater London are listed, and there is no lack of alternative sites for redevelopment. They claim that had Mr Crosland's policy been applied in the past there would be no Banqueting House. What is equally certain is that had many of the numerous architects who have since wanted to rebuild Whitehall been given their way Inigo Jones's masterpiece would no longer be with us.

Yours faithfully,
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December 1.

From Dr C. Hammond

Sir, Mr Peter Chamberlin and his co-signatories (November 29) appear to be unable to recognize that it is precisely because we lack confidence in current cultural standards that we are becoming more reluctant to pull down buildings of *any* architectural merit. It is precisely because we wish to preserve what is left of the richness and diversity of our towns that we are reluctant to allow further demolition and development; we prefer to maintain old buildings precisely because we have no confidence in what he calls "present excellence".

Although many fine buildings have been erected in the past decade, the vast majority, which indeed rightly determine attitudes, have failed to fulfil one or more of the fundamental architectural canons of "commodity, firmness and delight". In this university many of our new campus buildings have signally failed to fulfil all three.

Yours faithfully,
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Cycle of discipline

From Mr N. H. T. Pollock

Sir, How excellent that your leader on November 29 emphasises the need for discipline to be restored round a common faith. But how sad, and true, that the only faith you can perceive in our society is the faith in the rule of democracy and the rule of law.

I hope that the inadequacy of that faith is sufficiently demonstrated by current events to highlight the need for a faith that is worthy of the trust which is placed in it. The people of Israel, whose history you paralleled with our own, did not only have cycles of discipline and indiscipline: their progress and decline were also related to their response to God's laws. As we draw near to another anniversary of the birth of the Son of God let us remind ourselves that if our nation's faith is once again placed in Him, the resuks will follow.

Yours faithfully,
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December 1.

From Mr John Rogers

Sir, Is not one of the reasons for the decline in national discipline the erosion of institutional authority? Pre-war generations may have reacted against Victorian discipline, but post-war generations have been profoundly shaken by Nazi and totalitarian despotism. Corporate obedience may have to be taught again. If a person today says to a group of people, "I am in charge here", what chance has he of obtaining a proper response? None, if he depends upon his *position* only. He must prove his worth: his moral worth and his efficiency. Do our national leaders match up to this?

Your leader writer might have mentioned the home as a place where discipline should be learnt. The schools are having to cope with some children who do not understand the word "no". Could it be that some parents are too indulgent?

In 1944, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote these words in a letter: "The astringency in the relationship between father and son is a sign of great strength and inner security. The people of the present day are generally too feeble; they are afraid of losing their children's love; they degrade themselves to being their friends and end up superfluous. That kind of upbringing is appalling. . . ."

Yours faithfully,
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November 30.

Computer errors

From Mr Murray Laver

Sir, Mr George Hutchinson today (p14, November 29) states: "the computer is responsible for more accounting mistakes than we ever experienced in the past".

I cannot imagine what set of facts would be needed to justify so categorical an assertion by an otherwise serious commentator. If he knows of any national, or other widely based, figures showing how the proportion of accounting mistakes has changed over the relevant period, will he please say where they are to be found?

I can only hope that he has not drawn a general conclusion from a limited sample of instances—or, if he has, that this is not also his practice in his other subject areas. Nor can he, surely have yielded to the temptation of playing to the gallery by mouthing the ritual abuse that accompanies the loading of our own errors on to a modern scapegoat. It is a poor accountant who blames his tools, whether abacus or computer, and because mistakes are made by men I suspect that the proportion of them remains much what it always has been—namely, too high.

Yours faithfully,
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The criteria for diagnosing death

From Dr C. Pallis

Sir, Mr Kennedy's letter (*The Times*, November 25) at last brings some coherence into the muddled controversy of "extraordinary efforts to prolong life". The trivializing and sensationalizing of the issues by the media—of which the public has had more than its fair share—can be of no benefit to anyone. Two completely separate matters are at stake and their confusion can only be detrimental to clear thinking and hence to sensible decision-making.

The first question concerns the need for a re-evaluation of the diagnosis of death. Those with practical knowledge in the fields of resuscitation and intensive care believe it is now high time that brain death be recognized (de jure as well as de facto) as being as valid a criterion of death as more conventional criteria (such as cessation of respiration and of the heart beat). In this respect the yardstick should be irreversible damage to a specific area of the brain (the brain-stem) in which the vital centres are situated and through which the main inputs to (and outputs from) the brain are routed.

The diagnosis of brain-stem death should be based on a number of relatively simple clinical tests (absence of a specific list of brain-stem reflexes, absence of movement in the limbs—either epileptic, decerebrate or decorticate—and absence of spontaneous breathing on disconnecting the respirator for a period of three minutes). These tests can be carried out at the bedside and do not require complicated or specialized apparatus. The problem is a purely medical one, in which relatives should be no more involved than they are in the diagnosis of acute appendicitis.

Provided hypothermia and the recent ingestion of drugs have been excluded, a patient in whom there is no evidence of brain-stem function, over a period of twelve hours, can be considered dead—*whether the heart is still beating or not.* The implications of this statement are enormous but are difficult for the public (and even for many doctors) to grasp. They involve the reconsideration of attitudes thousands of years old. The advent of transplant surgery has highlighted the issues, but has not created them. The matter should be discussed on its own merits.

Entirely separate is the issue of those patients whose cerebral hemispheres have been severely damaged, from whatever cause, but whose brain-stem remains alive. (Miss Quinlan clearly falls into this latter group.) What society does with such patients is as much a social and economic question as it is a medical one. Attitudes to such patients vary widely, even today, in different cultural contexts. Doctors have a role to play in this situation (the difficult role of giving a prognosis) but beyond this, in my opinion, their function is limited and their proclivities to "play God" should be circumscribed.

A variety of ad hoc "solutions" to this problem are currently being adopted, out of the glare of publicity, between doctors, parents, nursing staff and others concerned. Some of these "solutions" are of dubious legality and none of them, as yet, have been challenged in the courts. Guidance is badly needed in this area—but the guidance, to be of value, must be informed.

The precondition of a genuine dialogue about these matters is to remove the whole discussion from the emotive area of "switching off respirators", to recognize the different questions at stake, and to involve the public in a matter which should be of deep public concern.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER PALLIS,
Reader in Neurology,
University of London,
Royal Postgraduate Medical School,
Hammersmith Hospital, W12.
November 25.

Pulling out?

From Mr D. B. Amanda

Sir, Could anyone explain to me why it is apparently right for British Leyland to do in Italy what it is wrong for Chrysler to do in the United Kingdom?

Yours faithfully,
D. B. AMANDA,
St Genny's,
Pines Road,
Fleet,
Hants.
November 27.

Devolution

From Mr Alan Butt Philip

Sir, It appears from the Government's White Paper on devolution to Scotland and Wales that the Secretary of State for Scotland is to be invested with the powers of a governor-general in regard to selection and dismissal of the proposed Chief Executive of the Scottish Assembly. Bearing in mind the recent Australian use of similar powers, is this really a wise move?

Yours sincerely,
ALAN BUTT PHILIP,
Prospective Liberal parliamentary candidate for Wells,
80 St Thomas Street,
Wells,
Somerset,
November 28.

The best cooks

From Sir Kenneth Corley

Sir, Miss Margaret Drabble must indeed live in a backwater (*The Times*, November 26) though whether it is liberated, or simply a backwater, I question.

Why on earth should boys be taught a subject which is little more than applied common sense and at which they naturally excel?

Whoever would think of employing a cook if they could get a chef, or unless there was a law to compel them to do so? Could Miss Drabble provide a short list of the world's most famous restaurants where the cooking is done by a woman?

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH CORLEY,
Yew Tree,
Wasdale,
Seascale,
Cumbria.
November 27.

death penalty

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North

feel that I must comment the statement of Mr Roy is on the murder of Ross irter. He made this last Friday House of Commons.

Home Secretary said, after ding that he still was an onist on capital punishment, ve no sympathy whatsoever ose who commit these bestial and if they were shot in the would have no sympathy with of any sort at all".

s this mean that while, accordMr Jenkins, we cannot rely he state to revenge the deaths abiding citizens by the return death penalty, yet if we a gun to shoot to kill against st attacks we are good s?

such statements from abolitionists which will bring gun law, private armies, and lynching into our streets, and it is no wonder that the Police Federation itself has been moved to attempt to influence public opinion towards a firmer stand on law and order.

I prefer the rule of law enforced by the State, and it is the so-called permissives and abolitionists who will, according to Mr Jenkins's statement, cause its breakdown.

I remain, your obedient servant,
RHODES BOYSON,
House of Commons,
December 1.

New meanings

From Dr Colin Powell

Sir, May I add another to Philip Howard's list of words with new meanings (November 26)? The word is "senile".

"Showing the characteristics of old age" is its meaning, yet today it is widely used to indicate confusion (whether in the beholder or in the subject can be difficult to distinguish at times). Unfortunately, a more pejorative meaning is gaining acceptance. For senile read: "I want nothing to do with this patient/relative/neighbour, please remove her from my ward/house/community, drop her in the Mersey/asylum/old people's home for all I care, but it is not my concern."

If the health service is not dismembered by its employees, then it will disintegrate under the pressure of elderly confused people. Our society can be judged by its response to this problem of caring.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN POWELL,
Senior Lecturer in Geriatric Medicine,
The University of Liverpool,
PO Box 147, Liverpool.
November 27.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 2: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Lord Maclean (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which The Queen was *graciously pleased to make reply.*

Mr James Hamilton, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this evening at a Reception in Stationers' Hall given by the Newspaper Society.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received upon arrival by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers (Mr L. E. Kenyon) and the President of the *Newspaper Society* (Mr D. R. W. Greenslade).

The Lady Susan Hussey, Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris, Mr Ronald Allison and Major Henry Hugh Smith were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, gave a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace today for the members of the Sponsorship of Sport Committee.

His Royal Highness, President of the Council of Engineering Institutions, this afternoon presented the MacRobert Awards at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince of Wales this after*noon visited the Harrow Baptist* Housing Association, Richards Close, Hill Crescent, Harrow.

His Royal Highness was received upon arrival by the Mayor of Harrow (Councillor G. Hines) and the Chairman, Harrow Baptist Housing Association (Mr C. Richards).

*The Prince of Wales this even*ing drove to the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon (Director, Dr J. Tanner) and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London (Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy) and the Mayor of Barnet (Councillor N. Harschield).

His Royal Highness subsequently opened the Dermot Boyle Wing of the Museum and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon *visited Townsend House, the new* Headquarters of the Girls' Friendly Society.

The Lady Jean Rankin and Captain James Duncan Millar were *in attendance.*

The Lady Jean Rankin has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 2: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester today presented the RIBA Agricultural Award for the South Eastern Area for 1975 to the Art Centre at Christ's Hospital, Horsham.

Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior, this afternoon attended the Grand Prior's Trophy Competitions of the St John Ambulance at the Seymour Hall and presented the awards to the winning teams.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
December 2: The Duchess of Kent, Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, today received *Colonel I. G. Norton on his retire*ment as Regimental Colonel, and Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. Sheppard on taking up this appointment.

The Austrian Ambassador bestowed the Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for services to *the Republic of Austria upon Dr* Anna Freud yesterday.

Mr Michael Marriott, Chairman of the Stock Exchange, was unable to attend the thanksgiving service for the life of Lord Ritchie of Dundee because of illness.

Mr John Clay regrets he was unable to attend the thanksgiving service for the life of Lord Ritchie of Dundee because of absence abroad.

Colonel and Mrs Malcolm of *Poltalloch will not be sending* Christmas cards but wish all their *friends a happy Christmas and a* good New Year.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Conolly Abel Smith, 76; Mr Walter Anderson, 65; *Sir Philip Broadmead, 82*; Mr H. G. Brotherton, 85; Sir William Harpham, 69; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, 61; Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, 67; Mr Victor Pasmore, 67; Professor T. B. Smith, QC, 60; Sir Michael Wright, 74.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Sir Hector MacLennan to be Lord *High Commissioner to the General* Assembly of the Church of Scotland for a second term.
Mr Denys L. Lasdun, the architect, to be a trustee of the British Museum in succession to the late Lord Holford.
Mr D. Matthew, a lecturer in economics, has been adopted as *Liberal prospective parliamentary* candidate for Bournemouth, East.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. B. Baillie
and Miss M. L. M. Palmer
The engagement is announced between Andrew Bruce, eldest son of the late *Mr E. O. Baillie* and Mrs E. Baillie, of Lammermuir, Crampshaw Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, and Mary Lou Meech, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Palmer, of Idlewood, Longwood Avenue, Cowplain, Hampshire.

Captain G. T. R. Birdwood
and Miss A. S. Price
The engagement is announced between Captain Gordon Thomas Riddell Birdwood, The Blues and Royals, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel R. D. D. Birdwood, MC, DL, and Mrs Birdwood, of Horwood House, Horwood, Bideford, Devon, and Anne Sheila, elder daughter of Colonel D. K. Price, MC, TD, and Mrs Price, of Upper Sydenhurst, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr A. R. Bowring
and Miss J. P. E. Adams
The engagement is announced between Arthur, second son of Mr and Mrs T. A. Bowring, of Yalding, Kent, and Jane, daughter of Mr P. I. Adams, and the late Mrs Adams, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Lieutenant-Commander
R. A. Y. Bridges, RN,
and Miss H. M. Struthers
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Bridges, of Bow Hall, Castletownsend, co Cork, and Helen, younger daughter of Major and Mrs J. G. Struthers, of Ardmaddy Castle, Argyll.
The marriage will take place quietly in January.

Mr S. Harris
and Miss M. Hunt
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S. Harris, of Appleton, Cheshire, and Melinda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Hunt, of Bournemouth.

Mr J. Holt
and Miss H. M. Macleod
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on March 6, 1976, between Jack Holt, of Eastbourne, formerly of Sevenoaks, and Helen Margaret (Ellidh) Macleod, of Croydon.

Mr D. A. Jenkins
and Miss A. C. Bowman
The engagement is announced between Mr Dale Aubrey Jenkins, son of the late Mr Joseph Aubrey Jenkins and Mrs Victor Reid, of Ranch Bernardo, *California*, and Amanda Caroline, daughter of Mr Paul H. A. Bowman, 2 East 88th Street, New York, and Mrs Bowman, of 44 Perrymead Street, London.


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Vanishing Britain: A public inquiry begins today into an application to demolish all but three of 80 listed houses in Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan (our Planning Reporter writes).
The houses, known as The Triangle, were built in 1807 by a local ironmaster, Anthony Hill. They were acquired last year by the local council by compulsory purchase under a slum clearance order but after Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, had confirmed the purchase order he refused the council listed building consent to demolish them. The local civic society says they could be renovated to house about 145 people for about £350,000, whereas the council's redevelopment programme, although marginally cheaper, would accommodate only 105 people. If demolition is allowed, it is said, Merthyr will have the dubious distinction of destroying more listed buildings in Architectural Heritage Year than any other town in Britain.

Luncheons

To the Right Rev Dr J. Matheson
The Dean and Chapter of St Paul's gave a luncheon yesterday in the Chapter House in honour of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev Dr J. G. Matheson. The Chief Rabbi, the Rev E. H. Robertson and the Rev J. A. Miller Scott were present.

Council of Engineering Institutions
The Council of Engineering Institutions gave a luncheon yesterday, December 2, at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for the 1975 MacRobert Award winners, Dr S. Jones, Dr K. H. Spring, Dr A. O. Gilchrist, Mr *M. Newman and Professor A. H.* Wickens, of the British Railways Board, and Mr J. Speechley, Mr V. A. B. Rogers, Mr K. T. McKenzie, Mr D. E. H. Balmford and Mr G. J. Smith-Pert, of Westland Helicopters Limited. The host was Professor J. F. Coales, Chairman of CEI, and the guests included:
Lord Hinton of Bankside, Chairman of the MacRobert Award Evaluation Committee; Mr Richard Marsh, Chairman of British Railways Board; Sir David Collins, Chairman of Westland Aircraft Limited; Mr D. C. Marshall, Chairman of MacRobert Trusts; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society; and Mr P. T. Fletcher, President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Landmark International Hotels Limited
The chairman and directors of Landmark International Hotels Limited gave a luncheon yesterday at the Carlton Tower Hotel in honour of Dr Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius.

Receptions

Newspaper Society
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were the guests of the president and council of the Newspaper Society at a reception held at Stationers' Hall last night.

Electronic Engineering Association
The president and council of the Electronic Engineering Association held a reception yesterday evening *at the Savoy Hotel for members* of her Majesty's Government, MPs and representatives of the Civil Service and industry. The guests were received by the president, Commander D. W. Malim.

Byron Society
The Byron Society held a recep*tion at Crosby Hall on Monday* evening after readings by Miss Caroline Blakiston and Mr Ian Ogilvy of letters exchanged between Lord and Lady Byron.

Dinners

Irish Society
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were the principal guests at a dinner given by the court of the Irish Society at Clothworkers' Hall yesterday evening. Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, the Governor, presided, and the other speakers were Mr G. Thomson, member of the Commission of the European Communities, Sir Kingsley Collett, deputy governor, the Mayor of Londonderry and the Chairman of Donegal County Council. Among those present were:
The Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland, Lord Reay, Lord Windlesham, Mr M. Ross, MP, Mr G. Fitzgerald, Senator P. Harte, Alderman R. E. M. Humphreys, Judge J. W. Miskin, QC, Mr A. Neave, MP, Senator P. McGowan, Sir Harry Jones, Sir David Holden, Mr J. D. Rimington, Mr K. P. Bloomfield, Colonel and Alderman A. N. Clarke and other representatives of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

Monday Club
Mr Kenneth Rose was the guest of the Monday Club at a dinner held yesterday evening at the Carlton Club. The Marquess of Salis*bury, president, was in the chair,* and Mr Harold Soref also spoke.

Institute of Management Consultants
The Council of the Institute of Management Consultants entertained Mr A. I. G. Farquharson, President of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, at dinner last night at the Institute of Directors. Mr Holman Hunt, president of the institute, presided.

Farmers' Club
The annual dinner of the Farmers' Club was held yesterday evening at Grosvenor House. Mr C. H. Coad, president of the club, was in the chair, and the principal guests were Sir William and Lady Batty. Among those present were:
Sir Dudley and Lady Forwood, *the Dean of St Paul's and Mrs Sullivan,* Mr and Mrs C. H. Cossins, Mr and Mrs R. Paul, Colonel and Mrs C. A. Brooks, and Mr and Mrs B. Hazell.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain held a council dinner last night at 17 Bloomsbury Square. The president, Mr J. Bannerman, presided, and other speakers were Sir Patrick Nairne and Mr David Dalglish. Others present included:
Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Goodwin, Mr Eric Ogden, MP, Dr Arnold Burgess, Dr T. D. Whittet, Dr Vernon Walters, Mr N. Timmins, and 2—Hoques.

Society of London Golf Captains
The annual dinner of the Society of London Golf Captains was held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday evening. The chairman and captain, Mr Peter Lynde, presided. *Mr Joseph C. Dey, captain of the* Royal and Ancient, was the guest of honour, and the other speakers were Mr Douglas Johns, Mr Norman Royce and Mr L. St John Scott.

Service dinner

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire *Light Infantry*
Officers of the 6th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry held their annual reunion dinner at the Bath Club last night. Colonel R. M. Ingall presided.

Heifer less than 15 months old is supreme champion

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

"We need more food production in this country", Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, said yesterday at the Royal Smithfield Show in London. She said farmers were worried about the prospects for higher food output.

She had found farmers "a little bit depressed because the White Paper (*Food From Your Own Resources*) pointed out that we should get food production up. That does not in fact appear to be happening".

Mrs Thatcher said she was *worried about the effect of new* legislation on small businesses. Agriculture had the largest number of such businesses in the country. She had found confidence among exhibitors of machinery at the show. "I am impressed with the amount of exporting being done."

As she spoke in an eyrie packed with machines, a cross-bred heifer from Scotland was being judged supreme champion of the show in the main ring below. The owners and breeders were Mr James McMillan and Mrs Annie Lohoar, a brother and sister who farm 240 acres in partnership near Montrose, Tayside.

Mr McMillan, who presented the winner for judging, said the animal had been named Lulu by *his* daughter, aged 13, after the entertainer. The heifer, an exceptionally young winner at 14 months 17 days, was a cross between a Charolais bull and an Aberdeen Angus/Shorthorn cow. She reached the ring at 1,064lb.

The partnership, Mr McMillan said, had begun exhibiting at shows in 1967 and had tried for the supreme award at Smithfield three times.

The reserve champion was a Charolais/Aberdeen Angus steer presented at 13 months 17 days by Ivory and Lascelles, of Kilry, Alyth, Tayside, who won the same award last year.

Results: Heifers under 15 months, Lulu; between 15 and 24 months, B. McEnroe, Old Castle, co Meath, Irish Republic: champion heifer, Lulu; reserve, D. Sinclair, Inchture, Perth: steer under 15 months, Ivory & Lascelles; 15 to 21 months, Fraser Stock Ranches, *Drymen, Glasgow*; 21 to 27 months, Fraser Stock Ranches: champion steer, Ivory & Lascelles; reserve, J. Donald, Glenalmond.
Best longwool lambs, F. Richardson, Bewholme, north Humberside; best shortwool, A. Budgett, Kirtlington, Oxford: best mountain lambs, Jones Royston, Brecon, Powys: best pen in show, A. Bulmer, Great Habton, North Yorkshire.

Marriages

Mr D. M. Burton
and Mrs F. R. Heveningham-Pughe
The marriage took place in London on Friday, November 28, between Mr David Michael Burton and Mrs Frances Rosemary Heveningham-Pughe.

Mr N. Lazenby Taylor
and Miss S. F. Cole
The marriage took place on Friday, November 28, at Saffron Walden, Essex, between Mr Nicholas Lazenby Taylor and Miss Susan Fiona Cole.

Mr E. A. Moore
and Miss Jane C. Boulenger
The marriage took place in London on November 28 between Mr Edward *Moore, of Netherhall,* Ledbury, Herefordshire, and Miss Jane Boulenger, of 30 Ormonde Gate, London, SW3, and Broughton, Hampshire.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net before duty paid, duty not disclosed):
Platt, Sir William, of Westminster, Colonel of The Wiltshire Regiment £87,128
Jeffrey, Mrs Lilian Beatrice, of Bognor Regis £117,634
Klein-de Jong, Mrs Anne, of Westminster £105,411
Bennett, Mr Handel Raymond, of *Cheadle Hulme* £200,687
Wardle, Mr Peter, of Cheadle Hulme £200,453

Memorial services

Lord Ritchie of Dundee
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Ritchie of Dundee was held at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields yesterday. Sir Martin Wilkinson gave an address and *Mr David LeRoy-Lewis* read the lesson. Canon Norman Motley, chaplain to the Stock Exchange, officiated.

Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Ritchie of *Dundee* and the Hon Malcolm and Mrs Ritchie (brothers and sisters-in-law), Major and the Hon Mrs Chippindale (brother-in-law and sister), Miss Jean Chippindale, Mr Philip Chippindale, Miss *Philippa* Ritchie, Mr Rupert Ritchie, Mr Derek Tindall, Sir James Ritchie, Viscount Harcourt, Lord Glendyne, Lord Derwent, Lady Dunboyne, Lord Terrington, Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, the Hon Philip Kindersley, the Hon Mrs Bratza, the Hon Nicholas Assheton (*Montagu, Loebl, Stanley and Com*pany), the Hon Peter Vanneck (also representing Rowe and Pitman, Hurst-Brown), Sir Richard Rasch, Sir Edward Goschen, Sir Christopher Larcom, Sir David Hill-Wood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett (representing All England Lawn Tennis Club), Sir Philip Hay, Sir Antony Hornby, Sir Robert Lusty, Lady Wilkinson, Sir Peter and Lady Daniell.

Mr Robert Fell (Chief Executive, Stock Exchange), representatives of the *Council of the Stock Exchange*, Stock Exchange member firms and staff of the Stock Exchange, Mr Ian Lea (Midlands and Western Unit of the Stock Exchange), Mr Richard Harris; Mr R. A. A. Holt, Mr A. F. Roger, Mr and Mrs C. C. Croggon, Mr and Mrs *Eric Preston, Mr Somerset Gibbs*, Mr Robin Althaus and Mrs Althaus, Mr Andrew Murdoch, Mr Robert Lederman, Mr G. F. Nelson, Mr Godfrey Shaw, Mr J. P. Case, Mr G. A. K. Rouse, Mr R. C. Richardson and Mrs G. L. Hawkes (members of the staff of Capel-Cure Myers Limited).

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Mr P. G. B. Wills, Mr P. H. Swan, Mr Nigel Althaus, Mr F. Bodem (Henderson Crosthwaite & Co), Miss A. M. Geddes, Mr B. Franklin (Bagshaw & Co), Mr Cedric Barnett, Mr Richard Cave, Mr Patrick Sargeant, Mr Michael J. Verey, Mr L. J. Culshaw (Deloitte & Co), Mr and Mrs R. A. A. Holt, Mr Hugh H. Merriman (Akroyd & Smithers Ltd), Colonel V. S. Laurie, Mr T. A. Gore Browne, Mr H. G. A. Ross, Mr Geoffrey L. White, Mr C. R. V. Holt, Mr A. F. Roger, Mr John Kemp-Welch (Cazenove & Co), Mr Derek Penman (*Lawn Tennis Association*, also representing the President of the International Lawn Tennis Federation), Mr Cyril Jacobs, Mr R. W. Williams (Williams de Broe), Mrs F. R. Althaus, Mr G. Kelly, Mr A. D. McKechnie (Galloway & Pearson), Mr F. L. Simpson, Mr Timothy Parker (Robert Wigram & Co), Miss L. M. Lovelock, Mr Crispin Gascoigne, Mr Evan Clark and Mr Stephen C. Smith (Charles Stanley), Mr D. N. V. Smith, Mr E. C. Peters, Mr W. M. M. Lang, *Mr Preston, Miss White*, Mrs Day, Mr J. P. Case, Mr Oliver Smith, the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and representatives of the Stock Exchange Clerks Benevolent Fund, Mr Basil Hutchins (All England Lawn Tennis Club Committee), Mr Graham Greenwell, Mr R. H. Lawson, Mr M. V. Wilding, Mr S. P. Ralph, Mr Marcus Colby (Walter, Walker & Co), Mrs Molly Molineaux, Mr Christopher Hartley, Mrs Mark Romer, Mr Malcolm Young.

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Colonel F. Stanley, Mr Ronald Payne, Mr E. C. Simond, Mr Stanley Hawkins, Major A. D. *Mills*, Mr Kenneth *Crabbe*, Mr Basil Quirk, Mrs Joan Quirk, Mr Patrick Maclure, Mr E. B. Bakhurst, Mr David Gibbs, Mr Guy Libby, Mr Charles Telfer, Mr Richard Durlacher, Mr John Robertson, Mr R. E. Crutchley, Mr A. R. Hay, Mr R. E. C. Powell, Mr Mark Nickerson and Mr C. G. Rickett (Pinchin Denny & Co), Mr F. T. Powell, Mr D. Merricks, Mr H. Caydon, Mr R. A. Moore, Mr G. G. Ferguson (Wedd Durlacher), Mr E. C. Smallwood, Captain Guy Ruggles-Brise (*Brewin Dolphin*), Mr A. J. McSorley, Mr Michael Davis, Mr Christopher Worther, Mr R. F. Popham, Mr Alfonso Smith, Mr B. H. Walker, Mr S. J. Raven, Mr G. B. Shaw, Mr P. R. Stevens, Mr F. N. Garside, Mr William Chappell, Mr David Braithwaite.

Mr C. R. J. Eglington (representing the Stock Exchange Golfing Society), Mr E. C. Simond, Mr Stanley Hawkins, Mr David Cazenove, Mr P. T. Hollows, Miss Swinscoe, Mr B. J. Denington, Mr W. S. Wareham, Mr G. W. R. Brind, Mr R. C. P. Wheeler, Mrs Eric Preston, Mr B. Brewer and Mr G. Beeler (Clerks Provident Fund), Mr Robin Godby, Mr C. R. Fisher, Mr W. R. Stafford, Mr W. E. Channing, Mr R. A. Lewis (E. R. Lewis & Co), Lieutenant-Colonel Guy Ralph, Mr R. I. M. McCaulay, *Mr Timothy Jones, Mr F. E. Cart*wright, Mrs M. C. Andreyenda, Mr A. C. Parsons, Mr John Humphreys, Mr R. J. Ritchie (Queens Club) and Mrs Ritchie, Mr Nicholas Bratza, Mr Nevile Hooper, Air Vice-Marshal E. L. Frith, Mr J. D. L. Cowper, Mr Bernard Sharp, Mr H. D. Mackinnon, Mr A. H. B. Franklin, Mr George Nissen, Mr Stuart Hamilton (Lloyd's), Mr J. Dundas Hamilton (Fielding Newson Smith and Co), Mr Gerald Ousey, Mr Peter Wright (Laing and Cruickshank) and Mrs Wright, Mr Jock Hunter, and Mrs Susan Shaw.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Ashton
A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel John Laurence Ashton was held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wheatley, Oxfordshire, on Sunday, November 23. The Rev H. Brasier officiated, assisted by Canon P. T. Ashton. An address was given by the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Sir John Thomson. The lessons were read by Mr P. *Spicer and Canon P. T. Ashton.* Among those present were:
Mrs S. E. Ashton (mother), Mrs J. L. Ashton (widow), Colonel and Mrs J. M. Ashton, Major and Mrs E. C. Ashton and Mrs P. T. Ashton (brothers *and sisters-in-law*), *Mrs M. Fass* (niece), Lord and Lady Ashton of Hyde, Mr and Mrs W. Birch Reynardson, Major and Mrs R. Birch Reynardson, Mr T. Birch Reynardson, Sir Humphrey and Lady Prideaux, Captain C. Marriott.
*Lord and Lady Ramsey, of Canter*bury, Lady Thomson, Field Marshal Sir Richard and Lady Hull, the Hon Mrs W. Holland-Hibbert, Major-General and Mrs J. Lunt, Major-General and Mrs B. Daunt, Colonel and Mrs J. Granville, Colonel and Mrs A. Jervis, Mr J. B. *Schuster, Colonel G. Colchester*, Colonel and Mrs J. Spencer, Major and Mrs A. C. Mann, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs D. Hall-Dare, Major A. A. Miller, Mr and Mrs C. Roberts and Mr and Mrs A. Wells.

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Gallantry awards

From a Correspondent
The service departments concerned have received an intimation that they may now resume the submission, suspended some years ago, of names of persons upon whom awards have been conferred, for personal presentation to the King to be invested or decorated at investitures at Buckingham Palace.

It is understood the new direction will be given effect at the investitures to be held by the King early next year.

Towards the end of 1945 the accumulation of awards had grown so much that it was almost impossible for His Majesty to present all of them personally. The King then reluctantly directed that he would personally confer only the higher awards. Others would get their honours or medals by post, with a personal letter from the King.

Middle Temple

The Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple have granted the following awards:
WINSTON CHURCHILL AWARDS: J. A. Alles, Enfield GS and Kent Univ; R. S. Cowen, City of London S for Girls and Leeds Univ; S. Hamilton, Hove GS; M. H. McM, Holy Prior Park C, Emmanuel C, Cambridge, and Southampton Univ. A. R. A. James, Beverley S, New Malden, and London Univ.
ROBERT GARRAWAY RICE AWARDS: M. P. Kolanko, St Brendan's C, Bristol, and Manchester Univ; R. L. Langley, Wallsend GS and Pembroke C, Oxford; H. M. Pearce, Pate's GS and King's C, London.
J. B. MONTAGU AWARD: C. C. J. Platt, Sherborne and Exeter Univ; G. D. A. Richardson, P. Symonds' S and Warwick Univ; R. P. Smith, Rowlinson Comp S, Sheffield, and London Univ; P. R. Statman, Westcliff GS and London Univ.

Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Royal Smithfield Show, Earls Court, 11.
The Duke of Edinburgh lunches at *Punch* Table, 1; as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards dines with former officers of 4th Battalion, Brooks's, St James's, 8.
The Prince of Wales attends Duchy of Cornwall Farm Tenants' Luncheon, Kilbirnie Hotel, Newquay, 1.30; attends fiftieth anniversary dinner of Royal Ocean Racing Club, Grosvenor *House*, 7.45.
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Royal College of Music, 3.
The Duchess of Gloucester, as patron, attends British Library of Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients annual general meeting, Drapers' Hall, 5.
The Duke of Kent, as member of the British Overseas Trade Board, visits Sheffield in connexion with export conference.

Science report

Energy: Heat from crust below Britain

Since the temperature of rocks beneath the British Isles increases by about 30°C for each kilometre below the surface ideas of using that source of geothermal energy to obtain hot water or steam for electrical power generation have been revived as one method of saving the non-renewable and expensive fossil fuels.

The Department of Energy has accepted a *suggestion* for a £250,000 investigation into the subject. However, previous studies by the Institute of Geological Sciences, which will make the *study, indicate that a larger re*search and development programme is necessary.

Geothermal energy means literally heat from the earth. In a number of places (Japan, Italy, the United States, New Zealand and Iceland) the natural steam or hot springs have produced water percolating through to deep rocks. The total amount of electricity generated from that source of energy throughout the world is equivalent only to that of one large power station. Nevertheless hot water is used for purposes in industry and domestic heating that can take lower-grade sources of heat.

Circumstances in the United Kingdom are not as propitious as those in the countries able to tap underground sources. A survey by the Institute of Geological Sciences suggests that the first use of geothermal energy in Britain might be for hot water for greenhouse horticulture and similar *applications of low-grade heat. In* principle the idea of extracting the natural energy from geological formations looks more attractive for widespread development than *may be practical.*

Beneath Britain the continental crust is about 30 kilometres thick and the temperature at the bottom is estimated to be ap*proaching 1,000°C. But the highest* temperature measured beneath the surface is 165°C off the coast of East Anglia. That depth is within the range of drilling techniques to get down to depts of five or six kilometres.

A team from the institute, working on behalf of the Ministry of Overseas Development, is drilling in the Caribbean at a point adjacent to the volcano on Santa Lucia. They have found steam under *very high pressure of the* type to produce electricity by driving turbines.

Unfortunately no conditions exist in the United Kingdom for comparable work. In this country the best sources of hot water, so far, have been along the western margin of the Derbyshire coalfield. A number of *wildcat* oil bore holes drilled there nearly 50 years ago produced artesian water at up to 51°C. Some wells in Nottinghamshire produced water at about 42°C, *but in* both cases that was too low to be worth exploiting.

The best approach for recovering heat from the crust below Britain is to drill into hot rocks and inject water under pressure. Preliminary analyses suggest that rocks in the southern uplands of Scotland and Wales and *the* granite formations beneath Devon and Cornwall have suitable structures for such work.

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

OBITUARY

PROF RUDOLF HEINRICH

Noted stage designer

Professor Rudolf Heinrich, the German stage designer, died in London on December 1. He was 49. He had been attending rehearsals for the past month and had spent the whole of the *previous day* lighting the English National Opera's forthcoming production of *Salome* at the Coliseum.

One of the *world's most pro*lific, inventive, and hard-working theatrical designers, it can be said of him that he died as he *would have wished*, in harness. Born in Halle on February 10, 1926, Professor Heinrich studied art there, after the war *becoming* first assistant designer and then, after making his debut with *Hansel and Gretel* in 1949, principal *designer in* Leipzig. He designed several Handel operas in Halle but first tasted international fame when two of Walter Felsenstein's celebrated productions at the East Berlin Komische Oper, whose chief designer he was from 1954 to 1961, visited the Theatre of the Nations in Paris. These were *The Cunning Little Vixen* (1956) and *The Tales of Hoffmann* (1958), noted—as was all his work—for their stylized realism and suggestiveness.

After leaving East Berlin in 1961 he worked as a freelance from his new home in Munich, where he became professor of stage design at the Academy of Fine Arts, and where his American-born wife, the former singer Joan Carroll, also taught. He was a member of the Berlin Academy of Arts. His subsequent work which began increasingly to depart from his *early* realistic approach, included *The Master Builder* (at the Old Vic, 1964), *Salome* (New York, 1965), *Figaro* (Salzburg, 1966), *Moses and Aaron* (Vienna, 1972) and *Lohengrin* (Vienna, 1974), with Joachim Herz, with whom he had been working on the London *Salome*. He was much in demand the world over.

After his long absence from Eastern Germany, Herz persuaded him to return to Leipzig in 1973 as a guest-designer for a new, politically-orientated—it was inspired by the writings of Shaw and Thomas Mann—version of Wagner's *Ring*, of which only *The Twilight of the Gods*, due next spring, remained uncompleted. He had also been working on designs for *Tosca* in Hamburg and the world première of Josef Tal's *The Temptation* in Munich, both with Götz Friedrich, when he died.

LORD ELPHINSTONE

Brigadier Lord Ballantrae, Colonel of The Black Watch, writes:

The death of John Elphinstone, at the early age of 61, so soon after that of his younger brother Andrew a few months ago, is a grievous sorrow for all his friends. He will be, in the old Scots phrase, "a great miss".

Witty, debonair, a generous host, a beautiful shot and fine fisherman like his father before him, he revelled in the world into which he was born, and made the most of it. But he was imbued also with an inherited sense of duty and obligation. As a Supplementary Reserve Officer of The Black Watch, in which so many of his family had served, and one of his uncles was killed in 1914, he was a welcome part-time member of that regiment for several years before the war. He shared in its misfortunes at St Valery in 1940, when, like most of the officers and men of the Highland Division, he was taken prisoner.

The final weeks of his captivity, in the closing stages of the war in Europe, were dramatic. The Germans selected a few prisoners as "Prominents"—officers with distinguished connexions—to be used as hostages or bargaining counters during those tense and critical moments. As a nephew of the Queen, now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Elphinstone was an *obvious* choice; others were the present Lords Linlithgow and Harewood. Through his own force of character *John Elphinstone* became the group's acknowledged leader. As such, he displayed dignity and determination in *the face of threats and blandish*ments alike, while the pendulum swung repeatedly between freedom and a firing squad. He *kept his head throughout*, refusing to make any bargains with the high-ranking SS General in charge of the party; *and they were eventually* released unconditionally.

After the war he resumed his former activities, adding to them such *public functions* as a close association with the Red Cross, with whom he was active. But gradually, over the past few years, *ill health closed in* upon him, until he died in the house of Drumkilbo in Perthshire, whose beautiful garden he had greatly enriched during the last twenty years of his life. He had previously sold the family home of Carberry, of which the environs had become increasingly urban.

He will be remembered with warm affection by everybody who knew him, as laird, sportsman, soldier and friend. In all these capacities he will remain "a great miss".

MAJ WILFRID VERNON

*Major Wilfrid Foulston Ver*non, Labour *MP* for the Dulwich Division of Camberwell from 1945 to 1951, died on December 1 at the *age of* 93. Educated at the Stationers' Company's School and the City and Guilds Technical College, he served in the First World War in the RNVR, became a squadron commander in the RNAS and later a major in the early days of the RAF.

After the war he was a technical assistant at the pioneer flying boat centre at Felixstowe Air Station and in 1923 became chief draughtsman at the Bristol Aeroplane Co. From 1925 to 1937 he was a technical officer at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, from which he was dismissed for retaining and failing to take reasonable care of classified information and fined after a court hearing.

During the Second World War he was associated with Tom Wintringham in founding Osterley Park Home Guard School and was a lecturer and demonstrator at the War Office Home Guard School at Denbies, Dorking. He was a WEA *tutor* and organizer and in the years after serving as an MP was also an LCC and Camberwell councillor. He was twice married, first in 1907 to Josephine Mary Jervis, who died in 1917, and second in 1918 to Laura Gladys Adeline Meade. She died in 1972.

MRS ANNA ROOSEVELT HALSTED

Mrs Anna Roosevelt Halsted who was the only daughter of former United States President, *Franklin D. Roosevelt, has died* at the age of 69. During the Second World War she served as her father's private aide and *accompanied him to the Yalta* conference in 1945.

After the war she embarked on a career of public relations and *broadcasting. She* had married, in 1952, Dr James A. Halsted, as her third husband.

SIR DALLAS BERNARD

C. and H. C. write:

Dan Bernard was already a non-executive director of the Bank of England in 1939. At the outbreak of war, he was invited to work full time at the Bank to help in organising and administering the complicated arrangements for exchange control and, more particularly, the *mobilisation of* foreign securities. From that time until his retirement in 1954, after five years as deputy governor, he gave most *distinguished* service to the Bank.

Modest, imperturbable and wise, he was a rock of strength in difficult times. He achieved outstanding respect and affection from the staff, who recognised in him a man who took a real interest in their problems and to whom any hint of unfairness or injustice was intolerable.

These same qualities gained *him* respect and affection in a very different field, the YWCA Central Club, where he was for many years chairman of the board *of* governors and to which he devoted a great deal of his interest and his ability

MR CLIFF BRITTON

Mr Cliff Britton, the former England and Everton half back, has died in Hull at the age of 66. He was manager of *Hull City for 10 years until his retire*ment in 1970 after more than 40 years in the game. Born in Bristol, he was transferred from *Bristol Rovers to Everton* in 1930. He gained a *reputation* as one of the most *polished* footballers of his *day, playing five times for England before* the war and being a regular member of the *wartime* international side.

He was *appointed* manager of Burnley at the end of the war and later also managed his old club Everton and Preston. *With Everton he gained* most of the honours open to a player at that time, including a collection of international caps, an FA Cup winners' medal and a League championship medal.

He leaves a widow and two sons.

COL. PETER SYKES

A correspondent writes:

Peter Sykes, who died on November 20, leaves many sorrowing friends. He saw much fighting with The Queens Bays in the last war, first in the retreat in France, and later in the desert. He was twice wounded, the second time seriously when commanding the Wiltshire Yeomanry at the second battle of Alamein. In 1945 he commanded his regiment, stationed at the time in Italy.

When he retired from the army, he settled with his family in Wiltshire and threw himself into public work. At times he chaired two committees of the county council; other organisations, the church and village have cause to be grateful to him. In 1963 he was High Sheriff, and he was an alderman and deputy lieutenant of Wiltshire.

This plain record in no way reflects the quality of his contribution. He had the knack of persuading others to give their best. His quiet example, his modesty and the encouragement he gave seemed to leave them no alternative.

MR O. R. BLAIR

D.H. writes:—

Robin Blair, who has died at the age of 50, was head of the Consular Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and was regarded and respected by all who knew him. The standards he set for himself and his courage and integrity won the admiration of those with whom he worked, first in government service in Ghana and later in the Diplomatic Service.

His unfailing kindness, sparkling wit and rather shy charm won the affection of those who knew him well, and his early death has brought sadness to his many friends who mourn his loss with his *wife Brigid* and their two children.

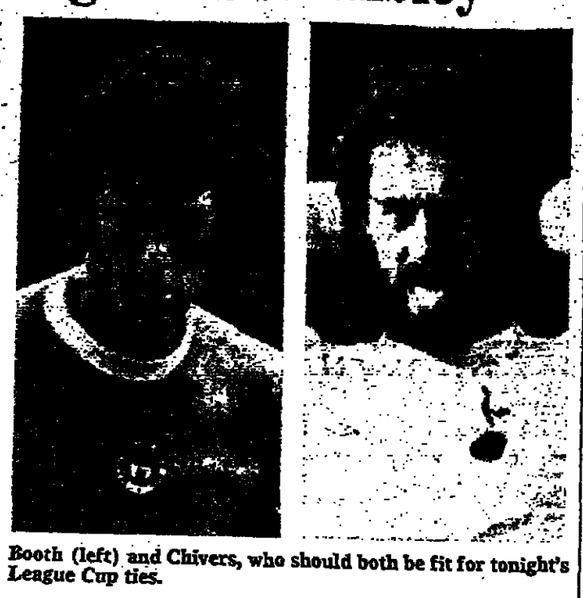
Sir Donald Anderson, chairman of the Australian overseas airline, QANTAS, from 1973 until August this year, died at the age of 58. Previously Director-General of Civil Aviation in Australia from 1956, he was made a CBE in 1959 and knighted in 19

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...Mansfield glimpse from the lower ...epths the heights of Wembley



Booth (left) and Chivers, who should both be fit for tonight's League Cup ties.

...th and Chivers, of Manches-...y and Tottenham Hotspur ...tively, who have appeared ... League Cup Finals, should ...o play in the quarter-final ...onight. Booth, who was in ...ty team who beat West ...ich Albion in the 1970 final, ...e one who lost to Wolver-...n Wanderers four years ... Wembley, is down to play ... Mansfield Town at Maine ...

... having recovered from a ...jury which has kept him ...two games, will strengthen ... who have gone 14 league ...p matches without defeat. ... scorer of both goals when ...t Aston Villa 2—0 in the ...nal, and a member of the ...o beat Norwich at Wembley ... may be recalled for the ... Doncaster Rovers at ... Hart Lane.

... has fully recovered from a ...ng injury, which has kept ...t of action for five games. ... he plays could depend on ... who has a slight hamstring ...n. Osgood, the defender, ...en affected by a stomach ... in the past two days, but ... be fit in time.

...er Mansfield : nor Don-...ave any illusions about the ...head. Dave Smith, the ...ld manager, who will select ... from a fully-fit pool when ... said : "We should be ...ed, but we are confident. ... you are down in the lower ... of the league people say ...e no chance, but the lads ... be that extra bit confident ...e come to a cup tie, and I ... strange feeling about this ... We really do believe we ... to Wembley."

... field have gained plenty of ...perience recently. In the ... months, since Mr Smith ...ver, they have played 23 ...atches, reaching the fifth ... of the FA Cup last season, ...arter-final round of the ...Scottish Cup and the League ... is campaign.

...aster are expected to be ...strength, with the goal-keeper, Peacock, fit again after missing his first match of the season at Exeter last Friday. Stan Anderston, the manager, rates his side's chances at no better than 100 to 1 against, although he says : "If we are at our best we must have a slight chance, and if Spurs don't take us seriously all the better."

It is the first time that Doncaster have reached the quarter-final stage of a big competition, and the club's achievement has created so much interest in the town that several firms have agreed to allow people to leave early to enable them to get to the match in time.

Notts County will have Stubbs, their captain, back for the match at Newcastle. Stubbs has missed the last two games with a groin strain. The winger, Carter, who broke his nose at Blackpool on Saturday, is doubtful, but the manager, Ron Fenton, says : "After beating Leeds and Everton in the last two rounds we have no worries facing Newcastle. They've got a great tradition, but we have learnt a great deal from first division opposition this year."

Newcastle are unchanged for their tenth successive match, with the young centreforward, Cannell, preferred to Tudor as substitute. The fourth tie is between Burnley and Middlesbrough at Turf Moor.

Last night's third division match between Preston North End and Shrewsbury Town was postponed because the pitch was waterlogged.

...p killers have appointment at Slough

..., the Southern League side ...feated Colchester in the ...und of the FA Cup after a ... and have to travel to ...d in the second round, are ...ving to do it the hard way ...FA Challenge Trophy. When ...aw for the first round of ...mpetition was made yester-...y found themselves with an ...natch against Slough, of the ...an League.

...holders, Matlock Town, ...ointed by their FA Cup ... by Wigan, face a trip to ...op, and the 1971 winners, ..., have a difficult match ...t Northern Premier League ...tion at Bangor. The other four previous Trophy winners are at home—Morecambe against the Northern League side, Crook Town ; Stafford Rangers against Burscough ; Scarborough against the Northern League amateurs, Willington ; and Macclesfield against Mossley or Runcorn.

The outstanding clash in the south is that between Sutton United, of the Isthmian League, who took Bournemouth to a replay in the first round of the FA Cup and the Southern League club, Wimbledon, who are due to play Brentford at home in the second round of the FA Cup.

FIRST ROUND: Morecambe v Crook Town, Gateshead v Bishop Auckland, Chorley or Lancaster City v Barrow, Scarborough v Willington, Ashington v Goole Town, Hyde United v South Liverpool, Rhyl or Northwich Victoria v Wigan, Macclesfield v Mossley or Runcorn.

Stafford Rangers v Burscough, Bangor v Telford, Workson v Matlock, Buxton v Atherstone, Mexborough v Grantham, King's Lynn v Barton Albion, Altrincham or Gainsborough Trinity v Boston, Chelmsford v Bedford, Bromsgrove v Worcester City, Barnet or Berwick and Penkeston v Shortbridge, Walthamstow or Enfield v Banbury, Corby or Nuneaton Borough v Kidderminster, Bishop's Stortford or Ilford v Lye Town or Sudbury, Hendon v Kettering, Slough v Dover, Margate v Dulwich Hamlet.

Hastings v Ramsgate or Bexley United, Hillingdon Borough v Ashford Town, Wealdstone or Leatherhead v Staines or Gravesend and Northfleet, Romford v Tooting and Mitcham, Dartford v Dagenham, Sutton v Wimbledon, Merthyr Tydfil v Yeovil, Minehead or Falmouth v Weymouth.

Ties to be played on January 10.

...mbridge find form at the right time

...bley stadium stages the ...second University football ...between Cambridge and Ox... today. Last year Oxford ... their first victory in nine ...s with a 3-1 win in their ...fourth meeting at Wem...

...d will field four of that ...ul side: These include P. ...t Edmund Hall), who will ...e side and Thomas, a ... Welsh amateur inter... who led Oxford to vic... season.

...ure without their ex-...l midfield player, Allan... was not considered after ...test on a knee injury in ...nal preparatory match ... Carnegie Colleges. The ...und up their training at Bisham Abbey under the FA staff coach, Colin Murphy, yesterday, having watched Wycombe Wanderers knock Bedford out of the FA Cup at the third attempt last night.

Cambridge completed their preparation with a 2-1 victory over a strong Cambridge United side, and their coach, Ken Burton, who has charge of England's successful youth team, is fairly confident they will get back on the winning path. "They have been pretty impressive", he said. "They are not a big side and have plenty of skill. We cannot afford to mix it, so we have got to play football."

With the skill and speed of Little, who will be gaining his third Blue, and Allcott who has succeeded him as captain, in midfield, Cambridge, who field six players with Wembley experience, should record their forty-first victory in the series. The pitch will be heavy following recent rain. A Wembley spokesman said : "It is very wet, but playable."

OXFORD: M. Wickham (St Edmund Hall) ; D. Kay (Keble), J. Berry (Lincoln) ; *B. Thomas (St Edmund Hall), M. Morewiec (Christ Church), *P. Kent (St Edmund Hall captain), J. Herlihy (St Edmund Hall), J. Lewis (St Peter's) *M. Feely (Exeter), *D. Smith (Keble), S. Ryan (Greyfriars). Substitute: P. White (Queen's).

CAMBRIDGE: B. Jones (St Catharine's) ; *E. Jackson (Pembroke), C. Walters (St Catharine's), E. Evans (St Catharine's), I. Postlethwaite (St Catharine's), *G. Allcott (Selwyn captain), *J. Little (St Catharine's), W. Smith (Trinity Hall), P. Roberts (St John's), A. Pitchie (St Catharine's), J. Wilks (Trinity Hall). Substitute: *I. Swalwell (Downing).

*A Blue.

Transfer of Boersma for £70,000 completed

Middlesbrough yesterday paid the highest transfer fee in their history when they paid Liverpool over £70,000 for Philip Boersma, a striker. Boersma, aged 26, will make his first appearance at home to Manchester United on Saturday. Jack Charlton, Middlesbrough's manager, agreed terms with Boersma on Monday, and the move was completed when the player travelled to Teesside yesterday morning.

Boersma joined Liverpool as a youngster, but for long periods was an understudy to Toshack, although he made 20 senior appearances and scored six goals last season. At one stage he went on loan to Wrexham, playing five games for them. While at Liverpool, he scored 29 goals in 98 appearances.

Jack Charlton said : "I think we have bought Boersma at a bargain price. Certainly we would have had to pay more for him if he had been available last season. I am sure he can fit into the Middlesbrough set-up and do a good job for us. I have an open mind on where he will play, up front or in midfield, but his first appearance should be an exciting occasion."

Boersma could have a striking role because Middlesbrough have lacked scoring power most of this season. Boersma said : "I think it is a fabulous move for me. I have admired Jack Charlton for a long time."

Michael Martin, an Irish international with Manchester United, was signed by West Bromwich Albion for £35,000 yesterday. He has been on loan there and was to return to United in January, but with Wolverhampton Wanderers also showing interest, John Giles decided to sign him.

Gary Sprake, a Welsh international goalkeeper who served Leeds United for nine years before joining Birmingham City for a £90,000 fee two years ago, has had an offer to join Hakoah, an Australian League side in Sydney. Birmingham have agreed to the move.

William Bell, Birmingham's manager, who has announced that he is prepared to consider offers for a number of Birmingham's senior professionals, said yesterday : "David Maclaren, Hakoah's manager, and I came to an agreement over a nominal transfer fee on Friday and he saw Sprake. Contracts have been signed but they will not be completed unless Sprake arrives in Australia in January in preparation for the start of their season in February.

Fixture list for today

LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final round: Burnley v Middlesbrough (7.30) ; Manchester City v Mansfield Town (7.30) ; Newcastle United v Notts County (7.30) ; Tottenham Hotspur v Doncaster Rovers (7.30).

FA CUP: First round, second replay: Yeovil v Millwall (Aldershot, 7.30).

SECOND DIVISION: Charlton Athletic v Luton Town (7.30).

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Hamilton Academicals v Montrose (7.30).

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (2.0, at Wembley).

OTHER MATCHES: Arthurian League v London University (at Whiteley Village, 2.15).

FA VASE: Third round: Tring Town v Hemel Hempstead (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Burton v Oswestry (7.30) ; v Redditch (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division—north: King's Lynn v Stevenage (7.30). South: Poole v Romford (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: County championship: Berkshire v Oxfordshire (at Maidenhead, 2.30) ; Hertfordshire v Dorset and Wilts (at Cassiy Green, 2.30) ; Sussex v Kent (at Eastbourne, 2.30). Club matches: Bridgend v Cardiff Coll of Education (7.15) ; Pontypool v Pontypridd (7.0). Other match: Civil Service v United Banks (at Chiswick, 2.30).

HOCKEY: London league: Guildford v Cambridge University ; London University v Oxford University.

Tennis

There is no saying how far the unsung can go

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Stockholm

Juan Gisbert and Manuel Orantes, the Spanish Davis Cup doubles pair, have won five grand prix tournaments this year, including the German and British hard court championships. But in the first doubles match of the Masters tournament, sponsored by Commercial Union, they were beaten 6—0, 6—3 (scoring only 18 points in losing the first nine games) by Fred McNair, of Maryland, and Sherwood Stewart, of Texas.

For more than two years Stewart partnered Richard Dell. But they were not making much progress and were on the point of temporarily breaking up when Stewart hurt a knee and had to go home for an operation. He told Dell to find a new partner, rather than hanging about waiting for him. But Stewart returned to active service sooner than he expected and at Beckenham last June went into harness with McNair. They won the tournament, beating Arthur Ashe and Roscoe Tanner in the final.

On to Nottingham, where the new team beat John Alexander and Phillip Dent. They were settling down well. But as the summer progressed they were hovering about eighteenth place in the grand prix points list and had no reason to expect that they would finish in the top four and qualify for the Masters.

Then it began to happen : the semi-final round at Columbus and Forest Hills, the quarter-finals at Los Angeles, tournament triumphs at San Francisco and Hawaii, and the semi-finals in Madrid. Within two months they jumped up to fifth place. "That puts us up there and gave us a mental lift." McNair told me this morning. They still had to worry about Alexander and Dent and Jurgent Fassbender and Hans Pohmann. But the Australian pair decided not to press their challenge to the limit. "That took a little pressure off us."

What about last evening's match with the Spaniards ? "We really played well", said McNair, who was obviously bubbling over with the joy of the memory. "We were very eager, mentally prepared, and we tried a few things we hadn't done before but wanted to do. I have a few notes on a piece of paper. We had a game plan. We were very eager to prove ourselves to the people and to Commercial Union, to prove that we were deserving."

Well, the unsung Americans have certainly done that. Even qualifying for the Masters was a dream come true. That they should so easily sweep Gisbert and Orantes to oblivion was the kind of stuff from which schoolboy fiction is created. But Americans are well aware that McNair and his father have long been dominant in father-and-son events, and that Stewart, the man who beat Ilie Nastase at Wimbledon, was particularly effective at doubles. These two have formed a tough, solid team with insatiable appetites for competition. At present they do not know how far they can go. But finding out is obviously going to be a lot of fun—for them, if not for their opponents.

After two days of all-play-all singles competition in two groups of four players, Bjorn Borg and Guillermo Vilas are the only unbeaten players in one group, Ashe and Orantes in the other. Vilas had a 6—4, 6—0 win over Ramirez, champion of Italy. The Argentine, defending his Masters title, was too powerfully solid for Ramirez, who could neither press him into error nor outwit him in the longer rallies. The first set was tough. But after that Ramirez seemed drained of confidence and Vilas had all the momentum.

Nastase, who was disqualified from his first match after coming close to winning it, and losing it, in turn, put himself back into the running by beating Orantes 3—6, 6—4, 6—4, this evening. This was an admirably disciplined performance by the Romanian, who has won the Masters three times, and seems to regard it as a favourite tournament. Today he rebounded from adversity on two occasions. The first was his unflinching resolve in the second set after losing the first. The second comeback occurred in the third set when Orantes, a break up, was serving for a 3—0 lead. But Nastase immediately recovered and, though the match was close all the way, he turned out to be slightly the better of two fine players. This was a thrilling spectacle for a capacity crowd, with both men playing some superb tennis.

Swimming

Association willing to talk

The British Swimming Association would be willing to discuss the problems facing the Olympic coach, David Haller, if he makes a personal approach to them. This was suggested yesterday by the BSA secretary, Norman Sarsfield, after an offer by Speedo, the sports equipment company, to pay £500, a quarter of the amount required to reimburse Cardiff Swimming Club for Mr Haller's absence on international duty next year.

The BSA has turned down an approach by Cardiff Swimming Club for an amount equivalent to Mr Haller's salary for 107 days in 1976. The BSA insisted that it was a matter between Mr Haller and his employers. "We have never been approached for assistance by Haller since we originally discussed the matter with Cardiff. We know nothing officially of this offer. We are prepared to discuss the situation personally with Dave Haller if he writes to us, and at that point we would look into ways and means", Mr Sarsfield said.

Mr Sarsfield also suggested that the BSA might be able to arrange for an amateur coach to assist Cardiff during the period of Mr Haller's absence on Olympic duty.

Ice skating



John Curry in action at Richmond yesterday.

Miss Richardson poised for title and entry ticket

By Dennis Bird

The British women's figure skating championship is hanging in the balance. Sponsored by Fabergé, the event began yesterday at Richmond Ice Rink, and at the halfway stage the Scottish holder, Gail Keddie, was lying second to her 16-year-old challenger, Karena Richardson, of Stanmore.

Miss Keddie had a tiny advantage on points of 0.08, but four of the seven judges have so far marked the English girl ahead, and it is that majority that matters rather than the points total. If Miss Richardson free skates up to form in the final event tonight, the title could be hers—and an entry ticket to the 1976 European and World Championships, and the Winter Olympic Games.

In the compulsory figures yesterday morning Miss Keddie gained a narrow lead. By a coincidence, the group of figures drawn was the same on which she won her title in 1974. That seemed a good augury for her, and she was comfortably ahead after two figures. The final backward telegraph loop figure, however, was a setback for her. She was badly out of position on one tracing, and at midday only four of the seven judges had placed her first. Second at that stage was the promising 13-year-old Deborah Cottrill (Solihull), with Miss Richardson third.

Miss Keddie, who has gained confidence and poise during her training in the United States, skated stylishly in the afternoon's compulsory short programme, but her double axel was faulty and she was beaten by Miss Richardson. The latter was in fine form, and two judges—one of them a former champion, Sally Stapleford—gave her 5.6s out of six. Miss Cottrill showed herself to be one of the most graceful skaters in the event, and a powerful performance from the Australian, Belinda Coulthard, brought her from 10th place to fourth in the short programmes and eighth overall.

None of the four competitors in the men's event skated outstanding figures, but the defending champion, John Curry, was clearly best. In the short programmes, he did not include a triple jump (this is optional) and was beaten in that part of the event Robin Cousins, who gave a brilliant performance. Cousins's combination of triple and double toe loop jumps was the highlight of the day, and gained him some 5.8s. Curry, one of the world's great artists on ice, is clearly saving himself for tonight's five-minute free skating programmes

WOMEN (figures and short programmes) : 1. K. Richardson, 59.60 ; 2. G. B. Keddie, 59.68 ; 3. A. Cottrill (Solihull), 57.48 ; 4. P. McBeck (Queen's), 50.72 ; 5. T. R. Solomons (Queen's), 50.32 ; 6. A. Fell (Murrayfield), 49.08.

MEN (figures and short programmes) : 1. J. A. Curry, 64.28 ; 2. R. J. Cousins (Queen's), 60.08 ; 3. C. G. Jones (Queen's), 53.68 ; 4. A. P. Bestwick (Blackpool), 52.32.

PAIRS (compulsory programmes) : 1. C. Tayforth and Mrs E. Tayforth, 17.72 ; 2. A. J. Beckwith and R. G. Lindsay (Streatham), 15.08 ; 3. P. Cain and E. Cain (Australia), 12.91 ; 4. R. G. Halfpenn and J. E. Long (Streatham), 12.59.

MOSCOW: International figure skating : 1. V. Kovalyov (USSR), 183.62 points (14 placings) ; 2. V. Ovchinnikov (USSR), 183.16 (14) ; 3. M. Kokora (USSR), 176.29 (28) ; 4. M. Matsumura (Japan), 175.13 (40) ; 5. D. Fanty (US), 171.10 (52) ; 6. I. Bobrin (USSR), 170.82 (51).

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Boxing

England have confidence against West Germans

England are out to establish themselves as amateur boxing's top West European nation when they meet West Germany, at the Royal Albert Hall tonight.

"We have certainly had some better results than West Germany recently and this is our big chance to beat them", said the national coach, Kevin Hickey.

The England party have been in training at Crystal Palace since Friday and Hickey struck a confident note when he added : "The team is very sharp and can't wait to get on with the job."

The team is a nicely balanced line-up, including a nucleus of men who have been on the international scene for three or four years. The last time West Germany boxed in England was in 1964, when they won 7—3, but this was before the national coaching scheme was introduced. When England went to West Germany in 1973 they were beaten 6—5 and 5—4.

The one newcomer to England's team is Cornelius Boza-Edwards, a 20-year-old Middlesex technical college student, who came from Uganda a year ago. He should have made his international debut in Hungary last month, but the hosts would not accept his documents.

The Germans, who are pessimistic about their chances in this match, have been handicapped by the absence of a heavyweight contest. The weight was dropped because an opponent could not be found for Peter Hussing, the Olympic bronze and European silver medal winner. Tonight's programme (England names first) is :—

Flyweight : C. Magd (Arbour Youth) v R. Clar. Bantamweight : N. Philip (Army) v H. Schaefer. Featherweight : P. Cowdell (Warley) v W. Schaefer. C. Boza-Edwards (Pitsmoor) v D. Oh. Lightweight : D. Cuthbert (Rum Runners, Birmingham) v P. Hess. C. Reece (Repton) v R. Sandbach. Light Welterweight : C. McKenzie (Sir Philip Game, Croydon) v E. Muller. Welterweight : P. Kelly (Royal Navy) v M. Shit. Light Middleweight : R. Davies (Golden Gloves, Liverpool) v P. Schuten. Middleweight : J. Oswell (Repton) v M. Jassmann. Light Heavyweight : J. Waldron (Repton) v W. Gruber.

Promoter asks Board for Krueger bout inquiry

Michael Barrett has asked the British Boxing Board of Control to hold an inquiry into the main bout, between Richard Dunn and Terry Krueger, of Texas, at his Royal Albert Hall promotion last week. Krueger was jeered loudly after his poor performance against Dunn, the British champion, who won by a knockout in the third round.

Mr Barrett's request will be discussed at next week's meeting of the stewards. In the meantime he has left for Mexico, where he will watch the world welterweight contest between Jose Napoles and John Stracey.

The promoter condemned Krueger's performance the day after the bout and said he agreed with the view of Ray Clarke, secretary of the British Board, that they should take a closer look at the credentials of overseas boxers before allowing them to appear in Britain.

Warrington have successfully appealed to have their Rugby League match at Huddersfield on Saturday postponed to a date yet to be set.

Skiing

Swiss team are full of confidence

Val d'Isère, France, Dec 2.—The Critérium de la Première Neige opens the international skiing season here tomorrow and once again it could set the pattern for a year dominated by the Winter Olympics in February. A skier who does badly here rarely threatens later and experts will be watching the results closely for an indication of the relative strengths of the teams.

This season could see the rise of Switzerland to the top of the skiing world and a slump by the Austrians. The Swiss have come here full of confidence, determined to set their mark on the 10th world ski cup from the first race. The Swiss downhill specialist Bernhard Russi, said yesterday : "We are feeling right on top. We are very confident and sure we can impose ourselves this year."

The Swiss have never done well in the world cup but the signs are this year that they could dominate it. Already in practice for tomorrow's women's downhill, the opening race, the Swiss girls Bernadette Zurbriggen and Marie-theres Nadig, who seems to make a habit of hitting top form in Olympic years, have clocked easily the fastest times.

The women's event is relatively open because of the absence of Anne-Marie Moser, of Austria, who has retired. It is Mrs Moser's departure more than anything which is likely to cause a slump in her country's performances as she alone scored 300 points towards the nations title last season.—Reuter.

Golf

Best greens outside US, Graham says

Bangkok, Dec 2.—John Miller and Lou Graham, the American favourites, had sub-par scores in their first practice rounds today before the twenty-third World Cup golf tournament, which starts at the Mavatanee course here on Thursday. Graham, the United States Open champion, had a leisurely morning round in his one-under-par 71 and Miller, hastening from the airport to the course, went round on his own in the afternoon without dropping any shots.

As he came off the last green Miller said he did not keep a card. "But I did not drop any shots and picked up a few birdies", he said. His arrival completes the line-up of the 94 representatives from 47 countries for the four-day tournament.

Graham said after his round that he was pleased at the way the course was playing and thought there would be some low scoring in the tournament. "The greens are the best I've played on outside the United States", he said.

Ireland's uncle-and-nephew combination of Christy O'Connor, senior and junior, beat the Australians, Bob Shearer and Ian Stanley, in a match. "We didn't keep a card, but we had 20 birdies among the four of us", the younger O'Connor, who comes from Shannon, said.

England's Maurice Bembridge and Guy Hunt, who arrived late last night, had their first outing today with Scotland's Norman Wood. "This is great", Bembridge said about the course. "I think we should have a good tournament." The trio did not keep a card and concentrated on pacing the course.

South Africa, the champions, who are represented this year by Tienie Britz and John Bland, were another fancied team who were having one practice round before tomorrow's pro-am event and the start of the tournament

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Racing

Rogers rates Manado's Guineas chance at well over £250,000

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Tim Rogers, a familiar figure on the racecourses of England, Ireland and France, and a leading breeder in Ireland where he owns five studs, has just bought half of Manado, the best two-year-old colt in training in France this year. Discussing his latest acquisition at Newmarket yesterday, Rogers would not be drawn as to the price that he had paid for 50 per cent of the winner of this year's Grand Critérium and Prix de la Salamandre, but he did admit to having given more than £250,000 for his share. That gives Manado at least a £4m price tag already, which is quite something for a two-year-old.

Two factors persuaded Rogers to conclude this deal with Manado's owner, Souren Vanian. The first, was his conviction that Manado is not only the best two-year-old in France, but also the best in Europe, and the other was his desire to fill the yawning gap left on one of his studs by the untimely death at an early age this year of his American bred stallion, Captain's Gig, with that horse's best son to date. And Manado is by Captain's Gig.

Rogers became convinced that Manado was the best two-year-old in Europe after he had seen him win the Grand Critérium so decisively at Longchamp in October. Those who watched Wollow maintain his unbeaten record by winning the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket during the same month might not agree, but Rogers can at least comfort himself with the knowledge that Phil Bull's Timeform takes the same view as he does. Manado was rated 130 in the last Timeform available, and Wollow was 3 lb behind him.

Happily, the new partners, Vanian and Rogers, are in complete agreement as to what path Manado should follow next spring, and so they should be having concluded a deal such as this. They intend making an issue of our 2,000 Guineas which means that Manado will meet Wollow at Newmarket at the beginning of May if everything goes according to plan. They plan to race Manado once before his classic test, probably in the Prix Fontainebleau at Longchamp. That was the path which Nonoalco, who was also trained by François Boutin, took before he won our Guineas.

They think that Manado is the perfect Guineas horse in the making and I gathered from them that Lester Piggott also shares their view. Manado certainly has the ability to accelerate the instant he is asked to do so, which is one of the qualities that you look for in a Guineas horse. What is more he has also shown that he can last a mile. A meeting with Wollow is something to savour throughout the long winter months.

Incidentally, Rogers is delighted with the way that his 1974 2,000 Guineas winner, Nonoalco, has settled down at Airlie since his arrival there last month, and he is even more thrilled with the way that breeders have clamoured to support the horse. Yesterday Rogers again backed his belief that Nonoalco will make the grade as a stallion when he paid 42,000 guineas for a five-year-old mare, Marie Curie, who is in foal to Nonoalco. But, in this instance, he also bought a good pedigree. Marie Curie is by the Arc de Triomphe winner, Exbury, and out of El Marita, who won the Fred Darling Stakes and the Musidora Stakes in her heyday. Furthermore El Marita is a half sister to Ragusa, who numbered the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes among his triumphs.

Even at 42,000 guineas Marie Curie could well have been cheap when you think about the international market. Americans think nothing of paying $100,000 for a well-bred young mare who is in foal to a top-class horse and Marie Curie went for under that. That good race mare, Calaba, passed through the ring yesterday having won the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot, and eight other races and she was knocked down to a bid of 30,000 guineas made by a bloodstock agent, Michael Motion, who in order to conceal himself from would-be competitors was hiding somewhere up in the rafters.

In order to get Calaba, Motion had to fend off a determined bid from the mare's trainer, David Morley, who was surrounded by some of his owners, but not I hasten to add, Calaba's. Afterwards all Motion would say was that he had bought her for a foreign client and that she may well race again, possibly in France.

Motion also bought the three-year-old colt, Green Belt, for 25,000 guineas on behalf of an American client, the same client for whom he also bought the talented two-year-old filly Western Jewel earlier this year. On this occasion Motion had to bid against a reserve only. The price that he paid looked a bit steep by European standards, but doubtless it will be regarded as chicken-feed in the United States.

A few minutes earlier Shantallah, a stable companion of Green Belt in the Abington Place stables, had made 28,000 guineas. Here again he looked expensive in comparison with so many other lots during the days, especially when you realized that his trainer, Harry Wragg, had experienced so much difficulty training him on firm ground during the summer.

Ryan Jarvis who trains at Newmarket made the successful bid for Shantallah yesterday, but afterwards he had absolutely no comment to make about where the colt would be going.

STATE OF GOING (official): Leicester: Hurdles, soft. Steeplechase, good. Ayr: Hurdles, good to soft. Steeplechase, good. Taunton (tomorrow): Good.

Alternative 'National' may be run in north

A reprieve for the Grand National emerged last night when Sir Desmond Plummer, the head of the Levy Board, announced that he had asked the Jockey Club to plan the staging of an alternative race at a northern racecourse other than Liverpool. The news brought an immediate response from Ladbrokes who said they would be prepared to put up £25,000 for a Ladbroke National. Sir Desmond, after further talks yesterday with leaders of the Sefton and Liverpool metropolitan district councils, said: "I feel that contingency arrangements should be put in hand immediately because the second week in January is the latest date on which entry forms for the National must be dispatched. I have asked the Jockey Club to set up a committee to plan the staging of an alternative race at another northern course," Sir Desmond added.

Last night Bill Davies, the head of the Walton Group who own Aintree, rejected Ladbrokes offer to run next year's National for him and guarantee him £160,000. Mr Davies also turned down an alternative £1.5m bid from Ladbrokes for Aintree racecourse. Sir Desmond said that the local authorities would not sanction any shopping, office or residential development on the Aintree site.

He went on: "We have kept in very close touch with the local authorities since the last National, and their views on development prospects at Aintree have strongly influenced our thinking. The lack of development potential and our detailed financial analysis of running a National meeting led us to value Aintree at £400,000. This is way below the price offered by Ladbrokes, and even further from Mr Davies's expected demands which this week appear to be set at £3.8m.

Sir Desmond added: "I repeat that my offer of United Racecourses to run the 1976 Grand National for a nominal fee still stands. Acceptance of this offer would at least ensure that the race is run next year and would give us time to consider with the local authorities the long-term future of this great international spectacle."

Cyril Stein, the chairman of Ladbrokes, who yesterday had talks with the Jockey Club senior steward, Lord Leverhulme, said: "We believe it would be most appropriate for our proposed sponsored race to be run at a northern track, but this is a matter for the Jockey Club to decide."

Mr Stein added: "We would all love the Aintree Grand National to continue, and I have gone as far as I can with Mr Davies. If, however, he will not allow it to be saved, this race would provide a good alternative."

Chepstow's clerk of the course, John Hughes, said last night that he had already applied for a fixture to hold the National on the Welsh course on April 3. He said: "We have one of the best three and three-quarter-mile circuits in the country." On April 3—the day for which next year's National is scheduled—there is a southern fixture at Ascot and a northern meeting at Kelso.

The stewards of the Jockey Club announced last night that they are to appoint a committee under the chairmanship of Captain Miles Gosling to investigate the possibilities of staging a substitute race for the National, should it not take place at Aintree in 1976.

Lord Chelsea's Roman Holiday scored the 23rd win of his career with a superb display of jumping in the Peterborough Handicap Steeplechase at Huntingdon yesterday. He is now entered for the SGB Steeplechase at Ascot a week on Saturday.

However, Verly Bewicke, his trainer, said he thought that his representative in the race would be Money Market.

Cricket

Australia's easy win as Greg Chappell hits another century



Double first: Greg Chappell completes a masterly century, his second in the first Test against West Indies.

Brisbane, Dec 2.—Greg Chappell scored another masterly hundred here today to lead Australia through the potentially difficult task of making 219 on a suspect pitch to win the first test match against West Indies. Australia won by eight wickets with a day to spare.

Chappell, in his first match as captain, was unbeaten with 109 to add to his 123 in the first innings. He shared an unfinished third wicket stand of 159 with his brother, Ian, who made 74 not out. West Indies, 318 for seven when the fourth day started, were all out in their second innings for 370.

Deryck Murray, who scored his second half-century of the match before falling to Ashley Mallett, was the last man out. Gibbs, who was greeted by a vicious bumper from Lillee, was four not out and Australia were left with more than a day and a half to score the runs.

But although time was on their side, Australia must have feared the pitch. It was starting to take spin and with Lance Gibbs and Inshan Ali, both turners of the ball, in the West Indian attack, the path to victory was apparently beset with problems.

Australian apprehension must have increased as Rick McCosker recorded his second failure of the match when he touched a ball from Andy Roberts into Murray's gloves. Alan Turner then fell to Gibbs with the total on 60. It was Gibbs's 299th Test victim, leaving him only nine short of Fred Trueman's world record.

The determination and skill of the Chappell brothers, particularly Greg, denied both Gibbs or the other West Indian bowlers further success. With half an hour of the fourth day remaining, Australia were 1—0 ahead in the series of six matches.

The third wicket stand reached 100 in only 87 minutes and it was an indication of Greg Chappell's domination of the final stages that his brother contributed only 34 runs to their partnership. However, Ian Chappell, appreciating the fine form and the possibility of a second century for his brother, was content to let him hold the stage.

The plan was to keep out Gibbs who was bowling immaculately, and concentrate on attacking the bowler at the other end. At one stage this meant that Inshan Ali was hit for 14—4, 4, 6—in three balls by Greg Chappell and at the end of his 10 overs the left-arm spin bowler had concedede 57 runs.

Greg Chappell batted for 155 minutes for his 11th Test hundred and became only the second Australian to score two centuries in a Test match against West Indies. Doug Walters was the first at Sydney in 1968 when he scored 242 and 103.

Ian Chappell was dropped at 37—a difficult chance to Inshan Ali, the bowler—and once nearly played a ball from Holding onto his stumps. Otherwise he was faultless.

Afterwards Greg Chappell said that he had not expected the match to be over so early. "I had no thoughts of scoring a century when I went to the crease and all I wanted to do was to keep my wicket intact. I would have been satisfied to have batted until 5 o'clock tomorrow as long as the win was behind us."

The West Indians now play Western Australia on Saturday and then start the second Test in Perth on December 12.

WEST INDIES: First innings 214 (D. L. Murray 66, G. J. Gilmour 4 for 42, D. K. Lillee 3 for 84)

Second Innings

R. C. Fredericks, c Marsh, b Gilmour	7
C. G. Greenidge, c McCosker, b Gilmour	0
M. A. Holding, c Turner, b Lillee	19
L. G. Rowe, c I. Chappell, b Jenner	107
A. I. Kallicharran, b Mallet	101
*C. H. Lloyd, c Redpath, b Jenner	0
I. V. A. Richards, run out	12
†D. L. Murray, c and b Mallett	55
Inshan Ali, b Lillee	24
B. M. E. Roberts, l-b, b Lillee	3
L. R. Gibbs, not out	4
Extras (b 4, l-b 15, w 5, n-b 14)	38
Total	370

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—12, 3—50, 4—248, 5—248, 6—250, 7—275, 8—346, 9—348, 10—370.

BOWLING: Lillee, 16—3—72—3; Gilmour, 11—1—26—2; Thomson, 18—3—8?—0; Mallett, 21.4—6—70—2; Jenner, 20—2—75—2.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 366 (G. S. Chappell 123, A. Turner 81, Gibbs 5 for 102).

Second innings

R. B. McCosker, c Murray, b Roberts	[illegible]
A. Turner, b Gibbs	[illegible]
I. M. Chappell, not out	[illegible]
*G. S. Chappell, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 5, l-b 2, n-b 1)	[illegible]
Total (2 wkts)	[illegible]

I. R. Redpath, †R. W. Marsh, G. J. Gilmour, T. W. Jenner, D. K. Lillee, J. R. Thomson, A. H. Mallett, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—[illegible]

BOWLING: Roberts, 14—2—[illegible]; Holding, 10—0—46—0; Gibbs, [illegible]—18—1; Inshan Ali, 10—0—57—[illegible]; Fredericks, 2—0—12—0; Kallicharran, 0.2—0—1—0.—Reuter.

Cantastar is the best of an above-average field at Ayr

By Jim Snow

For a professional National Hunt jockey and one of the class and high talent of Ron Barry, champion for two years before a fellow Irishman, Tommy Stack, deprived him of the title last season, a high price is paid in physical endurance at the wheel of a car every week. Driving on motorways, with fog, frost or heavy rain there is no chance of rest or relaxation. Barry turned freelance this season, and his services are in such demand that it is a case of up early and back late, and sometimes when bruised, tired and stiff from a couple of falls.

A typical seven days for Ron Barry started last Saturday when he came down from the north to Sandown Park and gave Easby Abbey a fine winning ride in the Benson and Hedges Handicap Steeplechase. That victory, and the thought of it lightened the load as he got back home in the north in the early hours of Sunday morning because of bad road conditions. Monday saw him at Hexham which was abandoned because of waterlogging soon after midday, and yesterday he went south to ride Roman Holiday at Huntingdon—a winning ride at 7-1.

Today and tomorrow he will be at Ayr, close on 400 miles north of Huntingdon, and then he returns south at the weekend to ride at Lingfield Park. This is a formidable logbook, and, I think, worth putting on record. Lester Piggott, William Carson and Patrick Eddery can fly to and fro in the long evenings of the summer, but with darkness and other hazards ahead there is no carefree movement for such as Barry, Stack, O'Neill and the Tinkler brothers, in the winter months.

Barry's best ride today at Ayr is likely to be Stay-Bell in the Carwinshoch Novices Steeplechase. At Newcastle Stay-Bell finished third to Cancello in a qualifying race for the Embassy Premier Steeplechase, but he was 15 lengths behind Neville Crump's promising young novice, and Ken Oliver's Cantastar and Gordon Richards's Cromwell Road are preferred. Cantastar might be, Ken Oliver hopes, a top-class novice steeplechaser. Last season he won twice over hurdles, and in his two races this season over fences he has been second at Wetherby to Birdland, and later over that course a comfortable winner from Fugal Deal.

Cromwell Road has raced twice and won twice at Hexham and Newcastle. It is hard to assess him, for although the margins in his favour were not big, there was the impression that John Jo O'Neill had quite a bit in hand. Santon Brig, winner of three races and second to Flashy Boy in the Black and White Whisky Gold Cup at Ascot, has good claims, but, in what is distinctly open race, certainly as keenly contested as there has been so far in the north for novices, Cantastar is taken to win from Cromwell Road.

Earlier Cantastar's stable companion Tregarron, second at Carlisle to Tamalin, may beat another of Gordon Richards's fancied runners, Lord of the Hills, in the three-mile Duoure Handicap Steeplechase. Twelve months ago Tregadron won this three-mile race from nine rivals under 11st 10lb. Colon Tinkler rides him again and he will have 4lb less. Young Somers trained by Tony Dickinson and ridden by his son, Michael, won his last race at Wolverhampton on November 24 so comfortably that a 4lb penalty should not prove too much fod him in the Vulmidas Trophy Handicap Steeplechase, named after the great little Scottish horse who won half a dozen times at Ayr and over 25 other races.

Ken Oliver and Gordon Richards are in opposition several times this afternoon at Ayr. Wotdyknow, a 10-length winner at Newcastle, may gain the first point for Richards in the first division of the Lagg Novices Hurdle from Ken Oliver's Bannow Bay. Richards's Cumberland stable is likely to have a second victory with Bel Canto in the Fisherton Handicap Hurdle. Bel Canto was running on well at Newcastle when fourth to Alverton

Ayr programme

12.45 LAGG HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £374: 2m)

1 100-211 Bannow Bay (D) (A. Whyte), K. Oliver, 6-11-13 Mr J. Mackie 7
4 1 Wotdyknow (I. Metcalfe), G. Richards, 4-11-5 .... J. J. O'Neill
5 1-11p0 Aunt Bertha (Lady Kilmany), Lord Kilmany, 5-11-5 .... P. Ennis
7 p Dormio (G. Walker), K. Oliver, 7-11-3 .... C. Tinkler
9 000- Shalimar (W. Parker), G. Fairbairn, 5-11-5 .... R. Barry
11 b General Jonathan (Mrs W. Crawford), W. Crawford, 4-11-0 R. Lamb
12 Go Go Gunner (D. Sorrie), J. A. Turner, 4-11-0 .. N. Tinkler
13 00 Golden Pistol (Mrs I. Raine), M. Naughton, 4-11-0 C. Hawkins 7
15 pp00-40 Plainsman (D. Gray), J. Jordon, 4-11-0 .... S. Holland
18 Woodside Terrace (A. Grant), C. Bell, 4-11-0 J. McDougall 5

11-8 Bannow Bay, 9-4 Wotdyknow, 6-1 Go Go Gunner, 8-1 Aunt Bertha, 12-1 Plainsman, Shalimar, 20-1 others.

1.15 VULMIDAS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £466: 2m)

1 4120-41 Young Somers (D) (A. Thomson), A. Dickinson, 9-11-11 M. Dickinson
2 012-223 Pan-Man (CD) (L. McNeill), K. Oliver, 9-11-1 .... C. Tinkler
3 3131-p2 Prehistoric (CD) (T. Rathbone), D. McCain, 7-10-8 C. Hawkins 7
4 ub4 Arctic Explorer (CD) (Lady Kilmany), Lord Kilmany, 10-10-0 P. Ennis

11-10 Young Somers, 5-2 Pan-Man, 7-2 Prehistoric, 8-1 Arctic Explorer.

1.45 FISHERTON HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 2m)

2 120-013 Cobblers March (D) (Mrs H. Logan), T. Craig, 8-11-4 J. Mooney 7
3 d2010-4 Old Vince (CD) (W. Thyne), C. Bell, 6-11-1 .... R. Lamb
4 1-0 Monrusha (S. Reakes), F. Carr, 3-10-13 .... M. Blackshaw
5 03201-4 Any Second (CD) (W. Murray), Murray, 6-10-10 P. Mangan
6 2321-04 Bel Canto (CD) (J. Shedden), G. Richards, 4-10-10 J. J. O'Neill
7 31- Nymphenburg (D) (Mrs J. Craig), D. McCain, 4-10-7 R. Barry
9 010324 Bishops Pawn (CD) (J. Nelson), Nelson, 3-10-0 .... N. Tinkler

5-1 Monrusha, 7-2 Bishops Pawn, 9-2 Cobblers March, 5-1 Old Vince, 13-2 Nymphenburg, 8-1 Bel Canto, 12-1 Any Second.

2.15 DUNURE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £493: 3m 110yd)

1 0-p1113 Lord of the Hills (C) (Mrs C. Berry), G. Richards, 8-11-7 J. J. O'Neill
2 313p-42 Tregarron (CD) (H. Blyth), K. Oliver, 8-11-6 .... C. Tinkler
4 12113-0 Sebastian V (R. Jeffreys), C. Bell, 7-10-2 .... M. Barnes

10-11 Lord of the Hills, 13-8 Tregarron, 4-1 Sebastian V.

2.45 CARWINSHOCH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £408: 2m)

1 1f112f Santon Brig (CD) (Mrs B. Stein), A. Dickinson, 6-12-7 M. Dickinson
2 1d1p-11 Cromwell Road (D) (Mrs C. Berry), G. Richards, 5-12-2 J. J. O'Neill
3 110p-21 Cantastar (J. Manners), K. Oliver, 5-11-11 .... C. Tinkler
5 0- Border Skirmish (R. Hambro), K. Oliver, 5-11-6 .... N. Tinkler
6 f Double Fault (J. Walton), G. Fairbairn, 5-11-6 .... D. Munro
8 4100-3 Slipperetto (J. McLaren), K. Oliver, 6-11-6 .... G. Holmes
9 03-0423 Stay-Bell (Sir H. Fraser), Mrs Chesmore, 6-11-6 .... R. Barry

9-4 Santon Brig, 3-1 Cromwell Road, 4-1 Cantastar, 11-2 Stay-Bell, 8-1 Slipperetto, 16-1 Border Skirmish, Double Fault.

3.15 LAGG HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £374: 2m)

2 p00-0 Burning Bush (Queen Mother), K. Oliver, 5-11-3 C. Tinkler
4 0C0 Before the Mast (S. Anderson), J. A. Turner, 4-11-0 T. Stack
6 2233-00 Bluehel (K. Tuer), K. Tuer, 4-11-0 .... R. Barry
7 024000 Broomstone (A. Thomason), M. Naughton, 4-11-0 C. Hawkins 7
8 40-034 Delanto (W. Shaw), Denys Smith, 4-11-0 .... A. Dickman
10 Dumyasha (P. Dunning-White), K. Oliver, 4-11-0 .... —
11 0 Shout (Ld D. Crichton-Stuart), K. Oliver, 4-11-0 .. G. Holmes
12 0u-0130 Weather All (D) (J. Gossman), Mrs Chesmore, 4-11-0 P. Campbell 7
15 p000-02 Wonder Pearl (Mrs A. Collins), I. Jordon, 4-11-0 .. S. Holland

5-2 Wonder Pearl, 7-2 Weather All, 4-1 Delanto, 8-1 Before the Mast, Bluehel, 10-1 Broomstone, Burning Bush, 14-1 others.

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12.45 Wotdyknow. 1.15 YOUNG SOMERS is specially recommended. 1.45 Bel Canto. 2.15 Tregarron. 2.45 Cantastar. 3.15 Delanto.

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12.30 PICKWELL HURDLE (Div I: Maiden: 3-y-o: £340: 2m)

2 Birshell (H. Birr), (———), 10-10 .... A. Keane 7
3 Charmden (A. Dickinson), J. Harris, 10-10 D. J. Nicholson 7
5 0 Derry Veagh (K. Hitchman), A. Jarvis, 10-10 .... P. Blacker
7 Fighting Cock (G. Ramply), F. Cundell, 10-10 .. B. R. Davies
9 Jacksmate (R. Heathcote), D. Nicholson, 10-10 .. J. Suthern
11 0 Katie's Girl (R. Finch), R. Finch, 10-10 .... J. Scallan 3
13 p King's Oracle (R. Crosby), Crosby, 10-10 .... S. Marshall 7
14 00u Lookin Good (Mrs B. Anderson), S. Mellor, 10-10 .. S. Jobar
17 p Miss Wybury (M. Gore), P. Allingham, 10-10 .... A. Mawson
19 00 News Girl (D. Oseman), Oseman, 10-10 .... R. White
21 0 Passionate Penguin (P. Bowlby), Bowlby, 10-10 .... P. James
24 Red Phantom (Mrs H. Banks), M. Banks, 10-10 .. M. C. Gifford
26 Sammies Girl (N. Renshaw), Renshaw, 10-10 .... N. Clay 5
31 Surprised Jim (J. Tierney), Tierney, 10-10 .... J. T. Bourne
33 Touch of Green (A. Sniper), M. H. Easterby, 10-10 P. Broderick
35 0 Valanty (T. Harris), K. Bailey, 10-10 .... D. Sunderland

3-1 Lookin Good, 7-2 Jacksmate, 9-2 Fighting Cock, 13-2 Touch of Green, 8-1 Valanty, 9-1 Derry Veagh, 10-1 Charmden, 12-1 Birshell, 20-1 others

1.0 SYSTON HURDLE (3-y-o: £340: 2m)

4 00 Cornan (S. Flower), N. Hall, 10-9 .... B. Brogan
6 000 Creamery Royale (J. Moseley), S. Brookshaw, 10-9 K. B. White
9 0 Eastlandtattoo (W. Wardle), R. Cambidge, 10-9 .... —
11 040 The Globe (D. Bamford), M. Tate, 10-9 .... R. R. Evans
13 p43 Hello Sailor (A. Davies), J. Haine, 10-9 .... J. King
15 0 Just Fay (Mrs M. Hurley), J. Hurley, 10-9 .... —
16 Kinton Lady (F. Quibell), J. Bower, 10-9 .... P. McCardle 7
17 0 Magic Love (R. Seath), J. Holt, 10-9 .... R. Atkins
19 00 Merry Peasant (K. Peal), W. Mann, 10-9 .... R. Mann 7
21 My Mark (J. Cowley), J. Leigh, 10-9 .... J. James
23 00 Narlu Mani Poum (R. Simpson), B. Richmond, 10-9 G. Thorner
24 000 Otaki (T. Jenks), W. Clay, 10-9 .... N. Clay 5
25 0 Our Fantasy (Sir M. Wilson), Mrs R. Lomax, 10-9 A. Carroll 7
26 300030 Peace and Quiet (B. Jewell), M. Salaman, 10-9 .. P. Kelleway
28 00 Royal Request (T. Weston), H. Nicholson, 10-9 .. J. Suthern
29 0 Song of Solomon (R. Hollinshead), Hollinshead, 10-9 G. Astbury
31 Swift Light (Mrs C. Reaves), E. Reaves, 10-9 .... A. Turnell
32 Twang (M. Bloom), J. Bloom, 10-9 .... A. Webber

5-1 Hello Sailor, 4-1 Peace and Quiet, 5-1 The Globe, 13-2 Royal Request, 8-1 Eastlandtattoo, 10-1 My Mark, Our Fantasy, 12-1 Swift Light, 16-1 Twang, 20-1 others.

1.30 LONG CLAWSON HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 3m)

2 011121- Blakedown (D) (K. Dudfield), J. Wright, 7-11-8 .. R. Hyett
3 3101-00 Pocket Picker (D) (Mrs W. Greenwood), F. Cundell, 5-11-1 R. R. Davies
5 31210- Toy Flag (D) (Mrs G. Lugg), I. Forster, 8-11-4 .. G. Thorner
7 001f-11 Leros (CD) (J. Spriggs), M. H. Easterby, 8-10-11 P. Broderick
9 0 Royal Rudolf (D) (Mrs M. Slade), J. Gifford, 8-10-5 M. Stanley 5
10 03310-0 Current Magic (R. Ashman), M. Tate, 5-10-4 .... R. R. Evans
11 343-33 Just Because (J. Astaire), B. Swift, 4-10-5 .... J. Smith 7
12 420-4 Irish Tony (Mrs W. Burdon), N. Crump, 7-10-2 .... —
13 303200- Water Colour (J. Soles), M. Tate, 6-10-2 .... —
15 0f3-p00 Basillion (C) (R. Crosby), R. Crosby, 5-10-0 S. Marshall 7
17 Paradise Flight (J. Edmonds), R. Edwards, 7-10-0 C. Astbury
19 41200-0 Barberry (Mrs B. Martin), G. Vergette, 4-10-0 P. J. Kelly 7
23 00p-4 Cinvultrist (CD) (G. Bach), G. Bach, 9-10-0 .... G. McNally
24 p New Town (E. Cohen), D. Dale, 5-10-0 .... R. G. Hughes
25 004000- Cheapside (Mrs B. Welton), D. Kent, 9-10-0 .... P. Haynes 3

7-2 Leros, 4-1 Just Because, 5-1 Blakedown, 13-2 Current Magic, 8-1 Toy Flag, 9-1 Pocket Picker, 10-1 Royal Rudolf, 12-1 Irish Tony, 14-1 Water Colour, Barberry, 20-1 others.

2.0 DICK CHRISTIAN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 3m)

1 111201- King Flame (D) (Lord Head), R. Head, 9-11-7 .. J. Francome
3 42-2210 Even Swell (CD) (Lord Cadogan), N. Crump, 8-10-10 D. Atkins
4 024f-03 Huperade (D) (J. Carden), G. Owen, 11-10-9 Mr J. Carden 7
6 121- Kevock Royal (P. Wrigley), J. Edwards, 7-10-0 .... —
8 2221-f1 Flap (Mrs K. Bailey), K. Bailey, 6-10-0 .... W. Smith
9 131232- Nonsuch Hill (D) (Mrs J. Bloom), J. Bloom, 10-10-0 A. Webber
10 p0-u044 Proud Tarquin (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytage, 12-10-0 P. Kelleway

5-2 King Flame, 100-30 Even Swell, 9-2 Flap, 11-2 Kevock Royal, 13-2 Huperade, 9-1 Proud Tarquin, 12-1 Nonsuch Hill.

2.30 GREAT GLEN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £680: 3m)

1 00110-1 Adulation (Mrs R. Whiteway), D. Kent, 8-11-11 P. Haynes 3
2 1 No Gypsy (CD) (C. Bennion), D. Nicholson, 6-11-7 J. Suthern
3 44-u011 Westby Lad (H. Lee), G. Richards, 6-11-7 .... D. Goulding
4 pl200-0 Cleveland Bridge (E. Brown), S. Palmer, 6-11-2 J. Marshall 5
5 f3-0422 Double One (Miss S. Harvey), F. Cundell, 6-11-2 B. R. Davies
6 4 Eastern Admiral (J. Farrant), R. Blakeney, 8-11-2 J. McNaught
9 pf High Seaton (Mrs D. Davies), M. Tate, 8-11-2 .... J. Barlow 7
10 0-00 Ormonde Tudor (W. Hickling), J. Bower, 6-11-2 P. McCardle 7
11 1 Prince Rock (D) (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 7-11-2 .... J. King
12 040 Slatt Bridge VI (Mrs F. Skinner), F. Skinner, 7-11-2 I. Watkinson
13 3231-f2 Top Priority (D. Wigan), J. Gifford, 6-11-2 .... C. Read
14 f00-002 Uncle Monty (W. Bolland), N. Hall, 8-11-2 .... B. Brogan
15 00000-p Caesarean (Mrs B. Ward), A. Jarvis, 5-11-0 .... P. Blacker
17 p Sunda Princess (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 5-11-0 .... —
18 uop Valse (H. Evans), J. Evans, 5-11-0 .... L. Griffiths 5

5-2 Prince Rock, 4-1 Adulation, 11-2 No Gypsy, 13-2 Westby Lad, 7-1 Top Priority, 8-1 Double One, 10-1 Eastern Admiral, 12-1 Uncle Monty, 14-1 Cleveland Bridge, 20-1 others.

3.0 OAKHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £663: 2m)

1 1220-22 Casbah (Lord Leverhulme), G. Owen, 8-11-7 R. R. Evans
2 2-41f11 Even Melody (D) (S. Green), N. Crump, 6-10-7 .. D. Atkins
4 0201-03 Tudor Risk (R. Hayward), F. Cundell, 7-10-6 .. B. R. Davies
6 p4 Decimal Currency (CD) (A. Wates), G. Harwood, 9-10-0 C. Read
8 40f-b Teddy Tudor (D) (Mrs J. Bloom), J. Bloom, 11-10-0 A. Webber
9 02301O- Velvet King (G. Massey), M. Tate, 7-10-0 .... —

9-4 Casbah, 5-2 Even Melody, 9-2 Tudor Risk, 11-2 Decimal Currency, 13-2 Teddy Tudor, 8-1 Velvet King.

3.30 PICKWELL HURDLE (Div II: Maiden: 3-y-o: £340: 2m)

3 0 Charles Swift (Sir W. Pennington-Ramsden), D. Morley, 10-10 G. Wilson 7
6 Early Toss (Mrs B. Ward), A. Jarvis, 10-10 .... P. Blacker
10 0 Jimmy Miff (D. Barbour), I. Wardle, 10-10 .... K. B. White
12 Key Money (W. Price), Price, 10-10 .... —
13 Lynwood (J. Powell), Powell, 10-10 .... Mr K. Morris 7
15 Mea Culpa (B. Pearce), D. Nicholson, 10-10 .. M. Stephens 7
18 Modesty Forbids (R. Peskin), J. Gifford, 10-10 .. M. Stanley 5
20 000p Paction (C. Burr), Burr, 10-10 .... Mr B. Smart 7
22 Poul (C. Ratcliffe), J. Hardy, 10-10 .... —
25 Royal Wake (W. Stephenson), Stephenson, 10-10 M. C. Gifford
28 Stellata (Mrs N. Fenton), S. Mellor, 10-10 .... K. Stone 5
29 Suetu (D. Thomas), M. McCourt, 10-10 .... A. Varey 7
32 Toll Bridge (J. Sumner), T. Forster, 10-10 .... G. Thorner
35 u Uncle Newby (F. Wood), R. Edwards, 10-10 .... C. Astbury
37 0 Westward Express (C. Hill), G. Balding, 10-10 .... R. Linley
38 Wooden Goose (Lord Leverhulme), F. Cundell, 10-10 B. R. Davies

9-4 Charles Swift, 3-1 Westward Express, 5-1 Modesty Forbids, 7-1 Poul, 8-1 Stellata, 10-1 Toll Bridge, 12-1 Wooden Goose, 14-1 Royal Wake, 20-1 others.

Leicester selections

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12.30 Touch of Green. 1.0 Swift Light. 1.30 Leros. 2.0 EVEN SWELL is specially recommended. 2.30 Westby Lad. 3.0 Even Melody. 3.30 Stellata.

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3.30 Charles Swift.

Huntingdon results

12.45 (12.51) PAXTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £506: 2m 200yds)
Il Magnifico, ch c, by Supreme Sovereign—Villa Medici (R. Reeves), 4-11-0 I. Watkinson (5-2) 1
Railway Child, ch g, by Charlottesvilles Flyer—Fair Maid (T. Nixon), 5-11-5 G. Thorner (7-4 fav) 2
Long Bowman, gr g, by Jolly Jet—Long Hill (E. McCormack), 5-10-12 .... C. Peck (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Tudor Lord, 7-1 Gilt Acre, 14-1 Natalaris (4th), Sweet Innocence, 15-1 Blue King Hal, 20-1 Cross Bor, Solvilation, 33-1 Grey Trip, Stationayre, Tunbridge Lane, Quick Draw. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 15p, 15p, 51p. H. Westbrook, at Newmarket. ½l, 20l. Ballyhaunis did not run.

1.15 (1.19) TETWORTH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £276: 2½m)
Roaring Wind, ch g, by Articulate—Near The Wind (S. Jones), 7-12-0 .... R. Crank (6-4 fav) 1
Shifting Gold, b g, by Bright As Gold—dam by Gregalach's Nephew (R. Russell), 6-11-4 D. Sunderland (8-1) 2
Greek Salute, ch c, by Spartan General—Lady Lois (J. Tilling), 6-11-4 .... C. Read (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Captain George, 11-2 Tutor's Best (4th), 10-1 Mural Crown (f), Arctic Actor (p), Sir Roland, 12-1 Monbazon (p), 16-1 Harry's Best, 25-1 Walleyes. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 15p, 22p, 45p. B. Cambidge, at Shifnal. 15l, 1½l. Gypsy Baron and Lepla did not run.

1.45 (1.50) HOUGHTON HURDLE (£340: 2m 200yds)
Maple Tree, b g, by Acer—Polash Girl (Mrs M. Llewellyn), 5-10-5 .. P. Steel (5-1 jt fav) 1
Card Sharp, br c, by Chebs Lad—Quicken (T. Martin), 3-10-5 R. C. Bailey (7-2) 2
Highway Robbery, b g, by Appiani II—Intimidation (W. Hobson), 4-11-8 .. C. Tinkler (3-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Puck (4th), 10-1 Hotfoot, 12-1 Knave of Hearts, 14-1 Call The Police, Gala Sunrise, Memmin, 20-1 Ronorn, Kings Talisman. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 14p, 17p, 17p. A. Jones, at Swansea. ½l, sht hd. Winner bought in for 900 guineas.

2.15 (2.17) PETERBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,303: 3m 100yds)
Roman Holiday, b g, by Black Tarquin—Last Resort (Lord Chelsea), 11-11-5 R. Barry (7-1) 1
Kilmore Boy, b g, by Timobriol—Kilmore Girl (A. Grogan), 9-11-6 .... B. Fletcher (11-2) 2
Just The Job, b g, by Little Buskins—Small Straight (A. Wiseman), 10-10-10 .. P. Barton (5-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Arctic Amoroso, 6-1 Weathervane (4th), 8-1 Vulgan Town. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 22p, 37p; dual forecast, £1.68. C. Bewicke, at Didcot. 4l, ol. Mr Snowman did not run.

2.45 (2.47) BEDFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2m 200yds)
Gay Dolphin, ch g, by Soualda—Kusu Rock (T. Kelly), 8-10-6 K. Roberts (9-2) 1
Boom Docker, ch g, by Reverse Charge—Ginninstown (R. Pilkington), 8-10-12 B. McNally (5-4 fav) 2
French Legend, b g, by Royal Record II—Memoire Cheri (A. Potts), 7-11-2 P. J. Kelly (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Napoleon, 10-1 Goldy's Boy (4th), Pollock Fair, 25-1 Homulus. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 18p, 12p; dual forecast, 57p. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 4l, 10l.

3.15 (3.16) PAXTON HURDLE (Div II: novices: £506: 2m 200yds)
Doo'col Park, br g, by Lauso—Chillie (Lady S. Keswick), 4-11-7 .... R. Barry (1-2 fav) 1
Canit, b h, by Canisbay—Air Sil (P. Oldfield), 5-10-12 Mr B. Smart (33-1) 2
Miss Qalia, b f, by Canisbay—Fstimator (Mrs L. Wright), 4-11-0 .... G. Thorner (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Clatford Down, 9-1 Decision, Alamein, 16-1 Grand Display, 20-1 Vila Real, 25-1 Dantoro, 33-1 Force Ten (4th), Jacmic (p), Love Aboard, Robert's Joy, Blandford Heron, Foreign Legion, Rutland, Scalped. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 12p, 74p, 25p. D. Morley, at Bury St Edmunds. 2l, 10l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Maple Tree, Gay Dolphin, £8.00. TREBLE: Roaring Wind, Roman Holiday, Doo'Col Park, £5.90.

Roaring Wind registered his fourth consecutive win when taking the Tetworth Novices Steeplechase, in which his chance was nearly ruined by a pigeon sitting on the upright of the fence in front of the stands. He almost came to a standstill

David Barons, a trainer, scored a 54-1 double at Newton Abbot yesterday with Mac and Vespucci. His total of National Hunt winners in 12 years has now reached 500. Both Mac and Vespucci showed great courage to take their respective divisions of the St Just Novices Hurdle.

Mac struggled through the mud to put five lengths between himself and Sandy's Girl after looking beaten early in the straight. Vespucci stayed on under the driving of Sandy May

Newton Abbot

12.0 (12.2) ST JUST HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o novices: £544: 2m 150yd)
Mac, b c, by Null Secundus—Flying Escape (C. Mackenzie), 11-0 S. May (10-1) 1
Sandy's Girl, ch f, by Grand Roi—Mary Stuart (W. Owens), 10-9 M. Williams (20-1) 2
Oubelo, b c, by Porto Belo—Our Girl (J. Thorne), 11-0 R. Linley (4-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Balmet, Vidalon, 13-2 Speed Freak (p), 12-1 Kumaile (p), Olympic Leader, Rat Pilot (p), 20-1 Singing Saint (4th), 33-1 Charhead, Golden Riverette (p). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 23p, 92p, 55p. D. Barons, at Kingsbridge. 5l, hd. Prince Hill did not run.

12.30 (12.31) ST JUST HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o novices: £544: 2m 150yd)
Vespucci, ch c, by Prince John—Ogirenia (Mrs J. Ballward), 11-0 S. May (4-1 fav) 1
Skippers Walk, br c, by Flag Raiser—Spring Muse (R. Sheffield), 11-0 .... J. King (5-1) 2
McCabe, br g, by Mandamus—Summoned (Mrs J. Matthews), 10-7 I. Gebbie (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Ville Du (4th), Kinvaston (b), 10-1 Laconlan, Rudstone (b), 14-1 Falsetto, 16-1 Brooklyn, Silchester, 20-1 Poignard (f), Red Wasp (f), Chevin. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 20p, 23p, 75p. D. Barons, at Kingsbridge. 6l, 5l.

1.0 (1.2) PENZANCE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 2m 150yd)
Go Over, b g, by Hanover—dam not regd (J. Symons), 7-11-7 R. Linley (evens fav) 1
Camp Carson, ch h, by Worden III—Deceiver (Miss S. Hunt), 8-10-10 P. Haynes (9-2) 2
Phillidon, ch g, by Don Basilio—Phyllicon (T. Yarnold), 8-10-0 R. Hyett (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Our Arthur (f), 8-1 Melromead (p). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; forecast, 85p. J. Thorne, at Bridgwater. 12l, 5l.

1.30 (1.31) MOUSEHOLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2m 150yd)
Bucks Head, b g, by Regent—Coolcran (S. Sainsbury), 9-11-2 C. Smith (6-1) 1
Greundown Paul, b g, by Peter Jones—Honiton Lace (W. Stevenson), 9-7-1 .. T. Hallett (14-1) 2
State Visitor, b g, by Pampered King—Star White (J. Baldrey), 12-11-0 .. P. Blacker (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Orient War (p), 11-2 Grand Hastle (f), 13-2 Tabalong (u), 12-1 The Hickes Column (f). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 94p; places, 44p, 53p; dual forecast, £5.50. Mrs N. Whitfield, at Hawthorne. 5l, 6l.

2.0 (2.2) ST JUST HURDLE (Div III: 3-y-o novices: £544: 2m 150yd)
Hemmings, b g, by Blast—Prima Santa (R. Barber), 10-11 Jas Guest (6-1) 1
Wellow Cop, b g, by Philemon—Police Patrol (R. Evans), 10-7 I. Gebbie (20-1) 2
Magic Note, gr c, by Crooner—Magic Fin (S. Ashby), 10-7 M. J. Frost (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Laurus, 6-1 Sackville (4th), Premier Cru, 10-1 Sir Myth, 12-1 Sonic Streak (p), Woodland Promise (p), 20-1 Berylis Boy, Cunning Trick, Farely Hot, Queen Alexandria. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 93p; places, 25p, £2.45, 33p. H. Payne, at Wells. 15l, 6l.

2.30 (2.32) LAND'S END STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 3¼m 106yd)
Flippant Fred, bl g, by Premonition—Fair Nina (D. Hebditch), 8-11-1 .... E. Wright (4-1 jt fav) 1
Herminius, br g, by Romulus—Desert Moss (F. Morris), 7-9-13 C. Smith (20-1) 2
Patent, b g, by South Pacific—Royal Star (J. Coggins), 5-10-0 S. May (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Vindicate (4th), 6-1 Merry Maker, 7-1 Malford, 8-1 Eagle Feather, 9-1 Steamer, 14-1 Plas Tolyn (p), 20-1 Financial News, 33-1 Vulgans Quay (p), Hawaian Maiden (u). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 22p, 48p, 35p. L. Kennard, at Taunton. ½l, 10l.

3.0 (3.2) ST IVES STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £408: 2m)
Water Splash, ch g, by Waterfall—Dominant Gene (E. Windicombe), 8-11-3 .... Mr P. Hobbs (5-1) 1
Five Blind, b g, by Cantab—Lovely Vixen (W. Pole), 7-11-10 K. B. White (5-1) 2
Ballyroe, b m, by Festive—Allourcila (J. Hopkins), 6-11-5 P. Richards (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Randy Brandy, Dave's Choice (p), 13-2 Joint Account (4th), 12-1 Mattinees Venture (u), 16-1 Zon (p), 25-1 Broadstar (f), Major Dash (f), Park End (p). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 65p; places, 21p, 18p, 38p. Mrs E. Kennard, at Taunton. 5l, 10l.

3.30 (3.33) HELSTON HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m 150yd)
Master H, ch g, by Master Owen—Last Resort (W. Davies), 6-11-6 P. Blacker (6-1) 1
Bills Bounty, b g, by Bounteous—Miranda (K. Dudfield), 6-10-0 R. Hyett (30-1) 2
Vale Royale, ch g, by Barbary Pirate—Kate's Chalet (G. Hackling), 8-10-8 Mr S. Morshead (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Sea Spray, 6-1 Culberne, 10-1 Out Out (4th), Staralgo, Streakland (p), 12-1 PC's Record (p), Prolam (p), Tiercel, 16-1 Double Mint, Go Baby Go, Pergusa (p), 25-1 Pun Miu (p), 33-1 Great Uncle Porter (p), Coronation Hose, Palastar (p), Pop Talk. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 74p; places, 32p, 57p, 25p, 21p. M. E. Oliver, at Droitwich. 10l, 20l. Leopardus and King Orry did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Go-Over, Hemmings, £10.25. TREBLE: Vespucci, Bucks Head, Flippant Fred, £17.35

Reaction as Rhodesia drop Shepherd

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Dec 2

John Shepherd, of Kent and West Indies, who played for Rhodesia against Transvaal in a Currie Cup match in Salisbury at the weekend has reacted sharply after being dropped from the team to play against Western Province in Cape Town later this week. He said: "If I was offered £10,000 I would never play for Rhodesia again. I feel that I have been used."

Shepherd was the first black cricketer to play for Rhodesia and also in the Currie Cup competition. Recently, Dr Koornhof, the South African Minister of Sport, said that there would be no barrier to Shepherd playing in South Africa should Rhodesia pick him. Mr Lewis, the president of the Rhodesia Cricket Union, said that Shepherd had been dropped for cricket reasons not because of his race.

Currie Cup teams are allowed only one overseas professional in their sides and Rhodesia have recalled Robin Jackman, the Surrey fast bowler, to the team for the Western Province game. Jackman has been a regular member of the Rhodesian team for some years but was omitted for the Transvaal game through recent poor form. But he has always bowled well at sea level and for this season was chosen to fly to the Cape with the Rhodesian team tomorrow.

Shepherd batted well for Rhodesia on Saturday in their drawn match against Transvaal. He scored 51 but did not bowl and this must have counted against him. Mr Lewis praised Shepherd and said Rhodesia was lucky to have him playing in Rhodesia where he coaches at a black club in Salisbury. Shepherd received a standing ovation from the Rhodesian public on Saturday when he went out to bat and he and his wife have become popular figures in the Rhodesian sporting world.

The Rhodesia Cricket Union has long championed the cause of players of all races in this country and it would be contrary to its reputation to drop Shepherd for political or racial reasons, particularly after selecting him for last weekend's Transvaal game.

Rugby Union

Australians show how to play poorly and win

By John Downie

South Scotland 6 Australians 10

Without playing particularly well, the Australians yesterday beat the South of Scotland at Netherdale by a try and two penalty goals to a goal. The match came to life for a time in the third quarter, during which the visitors did all their scoring, and South briefly threatened to regain the lead. Thereafter both sides blundered back into mediocrity.

For most of the match the Australians gave the impression of doing no more than they had to. They dominated the early scrums and rucks, but later gave away too many offside penalties in rucks, in which the South forwards showed a good deal more enthusiasm once their left-wing three-quarter, Linton, had demonstrated in a couple of vigorous charges that Australians could be bowled over the same as anyone else. Round about the same time the home full back, Brown, also proved that the powerful Ryan, who had broken many tackles on his previous visit to Scotland, came down if taken low and firmly.

Linton it was, however, who raised the temperature of a humdrum match after 34 minutes. A kick ahead by Rutherford was miscaught by Ryan, Davies booted the ball against Ryan's legs, and from the rebound Linton picked up and charged for the line, where he scored in the clutches of three opponents.

Davies, throughout the first half, played a useful game in the open and the late selection for No 8 Barnfather, showed up well both in the loose and at the tail of the line-out. It had seemed for a time that Rutherford and Robertson might prove the discoveries of the occasion. Both showed poise to the point of arrogance in ticklish situations in the first hour, but the pressure seemed to tell and both made boyish mistakes in the later stages.

The only danger of a try from the Australians came on occasions when Hindmarsh came up from full back to join his three-quarters, and even then Brown's sound tackling repeatedly stopped the overlapping wing. Hindmarsh levelled the scores with penalty goals in 44 minutes when Cunningham was blamed for a scrummage collapse and in 49 minutes when Robertson was offside in the middle of his own 25 during a ruck on the stand side.

South lost a chance to restore their advantage at once when Barnfather caught two-handed at the tail of a line-out and Robertson kicked from centre field to the corner. But Gill missed Monaghan, who was allowed to clear.

Hindmarsh again provided the opening for the Australian score in 56 minutes. From a line-out on the visitors' left he made a perfectly-timed intrusion in the three-quarter line, broke through at high speed and sent Ryan in unopposed for the try. The full back's conversion attempt was only inches out.

A series of three penalties against the Australians—for feeding the scrum, lifting in the line-out and offside at a ruck—put South back on the attack and Brown found touch only two yards from the right-hand corner flag. But Lambrie caught two-handed at the front of the line-out and Hauser found a good touch at the 25-yard line.

The closing stages amounted largely to a succession of mistakes by both sides. South badly missed the generalship of the absent Telfer and Renwick in the back division, and it is to be hoped, for the Australians' sakes, that they can achieve improvement in most departments at Murrayfield on Saturday.

The only thing that worries me is that the last twice I have watched them they have played poorly and won—which is supposed to be the sign of a good team.

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND: A. R. Brown (Gala); A. D. Gill (Gala), K. Robertson (Melrose), A. G. Cranston (Hawick), M. Linton (Selkirk); J. Rutherford (Selkirk), R. Laidlaw (Jedforest); I. Aitken (Gala), C. T. Deans (Hawick), R. Cunningham (Gala), D. Bell (Selkirk), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), W. Davies (Hawick), H. Barnfather (Langholm), J. Berthinussen (Gala).

AUSTRALIANS: J. C. Hindmarsh; J. R. Ryan, W. McKid, L. J. Weatherstone, L. E. Monaghan; K. J. Wright, R. G. Hauser; S. C. Finnane, C. M. Carberry, S. G. MacDougall, G. Fay, B. W. Mansfield, G. K. Pearse, D. W. Hillhouse, J. K. Lamble.

Referee: K. Pattinson (England).

Surprise at scrum half for Oxford

Cecil Shaw, Oxford University captain, has named one surprise in his side to meet Cambridge University at Twickenham on December 9. Miles Hockley, a reserve scrum half, wins his place in preference to Robin Hood, who has fully recovered from a hamstring injury which caused him to miss the last three games.

Hockley limped off with a gash on his right leg against London Scottish on November 2[illegible] but has made a rapid recovery. The side includes six old Blues. Charles Kent and Timothy [illegible], both England under-23 caps, Roger Davis, an Australian [illegible] national lock, and [illegible] MacDonald, a South [African] international No 8 are all [illegible] but four of last year's side, Asquith, Euan Clarke, [illegible] Woodhead and Peter Kyrke[-Smith] are omitted.

Shaw said yesterday: "[We] have been hard hit by injuries [and] the players I have named [have] not even played together [as a] team. But we have much [potential] and could surprise Cambridge."

TEAM: *P. N. Quinnell (St Benedict's and Wadham), [illegible] Willis (Haberdashers and [Worcester]), *C. P. Kent (Blundell's and Worcester), E. Bryan ([illegible]ton GS and St Edmund Hall), [illegible] Clements (Natal and St Catherines); W. Ellis (Neath GS and Keble), M. Hockley (Sherborne and Trinity); E. Horne (Emanuel and Jesus), *P. Rees (Cardiff [illegible] and Magdalen), P. [illegible] (Birmingham and St Edmund Hall), *R. A. Davis (Sydney and Pembroke), *D. S. M. MacDonald (Stellenbosch and University), [illegible] Shaw (Orangefields and St Edmund Hall, captain), P. [illegible] (Sydney and Worcester), [illegible] MacDonald (Cape Town University).

SUBSTITUTES: R. Hood ([illegible]field), *P. Asquith (Balliol), J. D. Clarke (University), [illegible] Kyrke-Smith (Worcester), [illegible] Sexton (Keble) and *P. Wo[illegible] (Lincoln).

*Denotes Old Blue.

Self help at Sevenoaks School

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

There seems very little doubt now that Sevenoaks School will blaze a new trail next July when they become the first school in Britain to send their rugby and cross-country teams to Australia. Hitherto, no school in these islands has dispatched a cross-country team beyond the bounds of Europe.

Sevenoaks have already raised £17,000 towards the estimated total cost of £22,750. The master in charge of rugby, Michael Williams, tells me they are about to launch a new offensive, linked to Christmas, that will involve a draw and the marketing of a wide range of gifts to boys, parents and friends of the school, as well as the publication of a nationwide rugby magazine called Scrumdown for Rugby.

This last will be distributed through clubs and schools, retailing at 30p. Bulk orders will [get] a one-third discount. "We believe the Christmas drive will take us close to our target in one stride", Mr Williams said. In addition to donations and advertising, commerce and industry [have] really come up trumps."

The whole operation has been a remarkable instance of initiative and self-help. The raising of [funds] in return for goods and services has made it a venture for the Sevenoaks community as a w[hole].

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Queen's Bench Division

Incitement to commit an offence

Invicta Plastics Ltd and Another v Clare

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Park and Mr Justice May

A company who advertised a device which could detect police radar traps was properly convicted of the common law offence of inciting people who read the advertisement to use unlicensed apparatus for wireless telegraphy, contrary to section 1(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1949.

The Divisional Court dismissed an appeal by Invicta Plastics Ltd from conviction by Hertfordshire justices at St Albans of inciting contravention of section 1(1) by readers of *What Car* for February, 1974, which contained an advertisement for Radatec, and of similarly inciting contravention by the prosecutor, Mr Sidney Clare, assistant controller of the Post Office investigation division, who wrote for details of the device from his home address and was sent a leaflet.

An appeal by Mr Edward James Jones-Fenleigh, chairman of the company, against similar convictions was allowed.

Section 1(1) prohibits the use of apparatus for wireless telegraphy for the interception of radio communications not intended for general public use except under the authority of a licence.

Mr Peter Crawford for the company and chairman; Mr Kenneth Richardson for the prosecutor.

MR JUSTICE PARK said that Radatec was an apparatus for wireless telegraphy within the meaning of the Act. It operated on a frequency range allocated to a number of services, including amateurs and police in pursuance of their responsibilities in law enforcement. Signals transmitted by police pursuant to law enforcement in connexion with speeding offences were not intended for reception by the general public, and a licence would not be granted to authorize their reception by members of the public.

The advertisement, which showed a picture of a road through a car windscreen to which the device was attached and a 40 mph restriction sign immediately ahead, stated: "You ought to know more about Radatec . . . ask at your accessory shop or write for name of nearest stockist to." Then followed the company's name and address.

Contained in the leaflet was information about the device and the bands it covered and included the words: "The majority of X band transmissions are not intended for public use and therefore their deliberate reception is illegal unless licensed by the Post Office. However, no licence is required to receive amateur radio transmissions. . . . It is illegal to employ the Radatec specifically for the reception of, for instance, police radar transmissions. . . ."

The first question for the justices was whether a person using the device in his motor car without a licence would be using apparatus for wireless telegraphy contrary to section 1(1). They concluded that he would be, and it was not submitted on appeal that they were wrong.

The question was whether, by the advertisement, the company was inciting readers to commit an offence under the Act.

When a judge summed up to a jury on a case of incitement he usually used such words as "it involves the suggestion, or proposal, or persuasion, or inducement to commit the offence" which the defendant was alleged to have incited.

In *Race Relations Board v Applin* ([1973] QB 815, 825) Lord Denning said that counsel had suggested that to incite meant to urge or spur on by advice, encouragement, and persuasion, and not otherwise. His Lordship continued: "I do not think the word is so limited, at any rate in this context. A person may 'incite' another to do an act by threatening or by pressure, as well as by persuasion. . . ."

It was submitted that, before the offence of incitement could be committed in the present case, there had to be an incitement to use the advertised device, that the incitement had to be sufficiently proximate to the offence, and by that standard the advertisement did not amount to incitement in fact or law.

However, using and adopting Lord Denning's language, one had to look at the advertisement as a whole. The justices were right to conclude that the company had incited breach of the Act by means of the advertisement.

The case in regard to the leaflet was much stronger, and Mr Crawford admitted that it would amount to incitement except for the "disclaimers" in the sentences warning of illegality.

Again, one had to look at the leaflet as a whole and, looking at it in that way as the justices had done, it was plain that its intention was to persuade and incite anyone who read it to use the advertised Radatec device. The justices were right to convict the company.

However, the conviction of the chairman was based on section 14(2) of the 1949 Act, which related only to offences against the Act and could not apply to the common law offence of incitement.

The company's appeal should be dismissed but the chairman's allowed.

Mr Justice May and the Lord Chief Justice agreed.

Solicitors: Field Fisher & Martineau for Freer, Bouskell, Leicester; Solicitor, Post Office.

Matrimonial property law retroactive

Chaterjee v Chaterjee

Before Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Ormrod and Sir John Pennycuick

Provisions relating to transfer of property orders or lump sum orders in the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act, 1970, had retroactive effect. Accordingly a party whose marriage was dissolved in 1955 could obtain leave to apply for such an order notwithstanding that no such relief could have been granted at the date of the divorce.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the husband, Mr Marcel Chaterjee, a retired doctor, from an order of Mr Justice Arnold confirming an order of Mrs Registrar Butler-Sloss giving leave to the wife, Mrs Heidy Chaterjee, to apply for a lump sum order and/or property transfer order in respect of house property in Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act provides that "On granting a decree of divorce . . . or at any time thereafter . . ." the court may order either party to the marriage to pay to the other a lump sum payment (section 2 (1) (c)) and make orders for the transfer and settlement of property (section 4).

Mr John Samuels for the husband; Mr Arnold Russell Vick for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said that the parties married in 1952 and were divorced in 1955. They, however, lived together again from 1961 to 1974, for the first five years as husband and wife and from 1966 separately but under the same roof. They had a daughter, born in 1963.

The husband owned a house in Baldslow Road, Hastings, which was run by the parties as an old people's home. He also owned another freehold property. He was over 70 and in poor health. In 1974 the wife left Baldslow Road, taking the daughter with her, and now lived in a house which was said to belong to her mother and sister.

To succeed in her application, the wife had to show that the relevant sections of the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act, 1970 (now the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973) were retroactive. The power of the court to award a lump sum after divorce was first introduced by section 5 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1963, and there were conflicting decisions on whether the section had retroactive effect.

In *H v H* ([1966] 3 All ER 560) Sir Jocelyn Simon, President, held that it was not retroactive; but in *Powys v Powys* ([1971] P 340) Mr Justice Brandon came to the conclusion that it was. His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Brandon that it was impossible to construe the section as limited to decrees pronounced after the coming into force of the 1963 Act and therefore concluded that it was retroactive in its effect.

The question whether the relevant sections of the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act were intended to have retrospective effect was more difficult. The Act was an integral part of the fundamental revision of the divorce law commenced by the Divorce Law Reform Act, 1969. New and far-reaching powers were given to the court to make property adjustment orders of a kind which had not been previously contemplated. Moreover the courts were instructed to approach the exercise of the power to grant ancillary relief along markedly different lines arising from the change in the basis of divorce from a matrimonial offence to irretrievable breakdown.

It would not have been surprising if Parliament had restricted the exercise of the new powers to spouses whose marriages were dissolved on the new basis of breakdown, leaving the financial affairs of those who had been divorced under the old law to be governed by it. But there was no such provision in the 1970 Act.

In enacting the provisions relating to ancillary relief Parliament chose to use the words "on granting a decree . . . or at any time thereafter" without any qualification or restriction. It would be difficult to think of wider language, or of a situation which called more clearly for the use of limiting words, if limitation were intended.

Moreover, in one case where the Act was certainly not intended to have retrospective effect the words "after the commencement of this Act" were found.

In his Lordship's opinion the provisions of the 1970 Act were fully retroactive in their effect. That conclusion was in accordance with the view already expressed by the Court of Appeal in *Jones v Jones* ([1971] 3 All ER 1201) although in that case the point had not been argued but had been conceded by counsel. The issue should now be regarded as settled in favour of the practice which had been adopted since the decision in *Powys v Powys*.

The next question was how the jurisdiction to grant or refuse leave to apply for ancillary relief should be exercised. The court ought not to refuse leave to apply in any case in which, on the evidence, the applicant had or appeared to have reasonable prospects of obtaining the relief claimed. To assess the prospects of success all the facts, including in particular practicability and conduct, in the sense in which the parties had conducted themselves and their affairs up to the time of the application, had to be considered.

Delay, if it resulted in prejudicing the other party, might have an important influence on the justice of the case. So might conduct which amounted to lulling the other party into the belief that all claims had already been dealt with. Similarly, it might be unjust to interfere with property rights after a lapse of time during which the other party had ordered his affairs in a reasonable and proper manner in the belief that the financial consequences of the divorce had been settled.

On the evidence the wife seemed to have a reasonably good claim on the husband's bounty. She had reasonable prospects of obtaining a property adjustment order giving her an interest in Baldslow Road. As to conduct, they might as well have been a married couple up to 1974. There was no delay in any relevant sense, nor could it be said that their financial affairs after the divorce were settled or concluded in any meaningful way. His Lordship had no hesitation in holding that it was a proper case for granting leave to apply for a lump sum or property adjustment order. The appeal should be dismissed.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK, concurring, said if one could approach section 2 of the 1970 Act (now section 23 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973) in isolation from its statutory and judicial background, he, like Lord Justice Stamp, would be disposed to construe it as not having retroactive effect. But when one read the section in the context of the statutory and judicial background the conclusion that it was retroactive was inescapable.

LORD JUSTICE STAMP said that, on the question whether the relevant sections of the 1970 Act were retroactive, he would have thought that the words "on granting a divorce" referred to a decree made after the coming into force of the Act and the additional words "or at any time thereafter" referred to a period subsequent to a decree so made.

But as Lord Justice Ormrod and Sir John Pennycuick were clearly of the contrary opinion, he would proceed on the footing that it was competent for the court to grant ancillary relief in the form of a lump sum payment notwithstanding that the marriage was dissolved at a time when no such ancillary relief could have been granted.

On the question whether or not leave should be granted, his Lordship said that the facts of the case were most unusual and it should be left to the judge on the hearing of the substantive application to determine whether, in all the circumstances, the relief sought should be granted to any and, if so, to what extent.

Solicitors: Percy Walker & Co, Hastings; Perring & Co, Hastings.

Arson: psychiatric report needed

Regina v Calladine

In a case of arson it is unwise for a court to pass sentence without calling for a psychiatric report, Mr Justice Boreham said when the Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by David William Calladine, aged 19, against sentence on two counts of arson.

He had been sentenced to two concurrent terms of three years' imprisonment at Derby Crown Court (Judge T. R. Heald) after having pleaded guilty to arson at two garages.

MR JUSTICE BOREHAM, who was sitting with Lord Justice Bridge and Mr Justice Bristow, said that the sentences were appropriate on the evidence available to the Crown Court but their Lordships had been disturbed because there had been no psychiatric report. It was the experience of their Lordships' court that in cases of arson it was wise to call for a psychiatrist's report so that the mental element in the perpetration of the offence might be judged. It was unwise to sentence without calling for such a report.

Their Lordships, having called for such a report and having heard evidence from a senior medical officer, substituted a sentence of borstal training on each charge.

Picasso portrait fetches £311,850

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A self portrait by Picasso, painted just after his arrival in Paris in the spring or summer of 1901, was sold at Christie's yesterday for £311,850 with premium. It came from the estate of Mr Fletcher Jones, the American computer millionaire, who had bought it at Christie's five years ago for £147,000.

The painting burns with colour against a blue background and is strongly Spanish in feeling; it is believed to be the self-portrait included in Vollard's historic exhibition of Picasso's work in 1901. It was bought yesterday by an anonymous French bidder; the price is an outstanding one, though sterling has depreciated a long way since 1970.

Christie's main autumn sale of Impressionist and modern paintings saw four or five outstanding prices, though they were struggling against the high reserves of owners who had bought at the top of the market. About 30 per cent of the £2.4m total was unsold.

A Modigliani portrait of about 1918, "Le Garçon en Culottes" brought a new auction record for the artist at £207,900 with premium; Christie's had been hoping to top the previous record of £126,000 but not by so large a margin.

A Jawlensky portrait, "Frau mit Grünem Fächer" was also a record at £50,820 (estimate £15,000 to £25,000). It was an important work of 1912 but German Expressionist paintings, even of undeniable quality, have proved hard to sell over the past six months.

A third auction record was the £57,750 paid by Leggatt for a John Singer Sargent portrait group, "The Pailleron Children", of 1881.

The market staying power of paintings by Renoir was once again demonstrated after a slight dip when the Japanese left the market. He now appears as popular as ever. A little painting, "Jeune Fille Lisant", with a touch of real Renoir quality, especially in her flowered hat, made £80,850 (estimate £35,000 to £55,000) and is off to Germany.

An afternoon sale at Christie's saw little demand for the more outlandishly avant-garde works of the 1960s, but a healthy market in Impressionist and modern drawings; the sale totalled £313,834 with roughly one-third unsold. A group of three Cubist Picasso drawings made £17,325 and £11,550 twice.

At Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday there was a new auction record for a cylinder musical box at £2,530 with premium, and for a phonograph at £2,200. The Royal Scottish Museum paid £1,210 for an Edison amberola phonograph. The sale totalled £52,410.

Sotheby's completed their run of Monte Carlo sales on Monday. A two-session silver sale made £316,426 with about 20 per cent unsold; the star lot, a Louis XV soup tureen, was unsold at 300,000 francs (£36,256 with premium), and the top price was 135,000 francs (£16,481) for an English two-handled cup and cover of 1655.

The great library of Russian books formed by Diaghilev and Serge Lifar made £83,137 in four sessions.

Christmas card: In Phillips's sale of books an atlas by Gerard Mercator, Amsterdam, 1633, was sold for £1,400, twice its estimate, to Rietre.

An example of the first Christmas card went to a private collector, Dewe, for £180. It was produced in 1843. The previous record for a single card was for a similar example which went for £75 at Phillips in September. The sale produced Phillips's best book total at £34,165.

Chinese banknotes: Three banknotes 600 years old and made of mulberry bark may fetch as much as £1,600 together when they are sold at a paper money auction in London (our Arts Reporter writes).

They are described by Stanley Gibbons as Ming Dynasty 1 Kwan, issued between 1368 and 1399.

£5,000 Premium Bond prizewinners

£5,000 winners in the December Premium Bonds draw are:

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£1,000 winners are:

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1974/75 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
98¾	93¾	Exch	6¼% 1976	98¾	..	6.278	11.415
97½	88	Treas	6½% 1976	96¾	+⅛	6.723	11.498
101¾	94¾	Treas	10¾% 1976	99¼	+⅛	10.879	11.302
95¼	84¼	Treas	6½% 1977	95¼	+⅛	6.596	10.420
95¼	81¾	Elec	3% 1974-77	94½	..	3.162	7.282
103½	95¾	Treas	11½% 1977	100½	+⅛	11.421	11.049
92¼	84½	Treas	3% 1977	92	..	3.261	7.489
91¼	79¾	Trans	4% 1972-77	91¼	+⅛	4.384	8.772
96	88¼	Treas	9% 1978	94¼	+⅛	9.550	11.563
100¾	96	Treas	10% 1978	96½	+⅛	10.829	11.874
98¼	76	Exch	5% 1976-78	87½	..	5.706	10.163
81¼	65¾	Treas	3% 1979	81¼	..	3.695	8.967
101¾	94¼	Treas	11¾% 1979	99¼	..	11.573	11.739
83¼	69¾	Elec	4% 1974-79	82¾	+⅛	5.136	9.779
100¼	94½	Treas	10½% 1979	95¼	..	11.099	12.010
81½	67¾	Elec	3½% 1976-79	81¼	+⅛	4.308	9.287
92	81¾	Treas C	9% 1980	90½	..	9.948	12.341
95¼	83¾	Treas	9½% 1980	90½	..	10.324	12.420
84¾	69¾	Fund	5½% 1978-80	84½	..	6.211	9.550
80¼	64¾	Treas	3½% 77-80	80¼	..	4.362	8.896
96¾	85¾	Treas	11½% 1981	96½	..	12.096	12.844
77½	61¾	Treas	3½% 79-81	77	..	4.609	9.460
91¼	72½	Treas	8¼% 1980-82	86¼	..	10.171	12.398
104½	96¾	Treas	12% 1983	97¾	..	12.571	13.017
78	56	Fund	5½% 1982-84	72½	..	7.789	11.076
95¼	61¾	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	80¾	..	11.046	12.475
72¼	51¾	Fund	6½% 1985-87	67¾	..	9.862	12.087
79¼	52	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	71¾	..	12.206	12.938
47¼	30½	Trans	3% 1978-88	42¼	..	6.940	11.795
75½	32¾	Treas	5% 1986-89	51¾	..	9.913	12.679
74¾	53¾	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	65¾	..	12.474	13.681
52	41¾	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	51¾	..	11.462	12.473
94¾	87	Treas	12¾% 1992	88	..	14.745	14.390
77½	85¾	Treas	13½% 1993	90¾	..	14.797	15.022
57¾	40¾	Fund	6% 1993	49¾	..	12.445	13.980
74½	54¾	Treas	9% 1994	64	..	14.155	14.750
40¼	29¾	Redmptn	3% 1986-96	29¾	..	10.322	12.750
37½	24¾	Gas	3% 1990-95	30¾	..	9.542	12.752
102	73	Treas	15¾% 1996	95¾	..	14.952	15.137
77½	54¾	Treas	9% 1992-96	64¾	..	14.471	14.294
77½	70	Treas	13¾% 1997	90¼	..	15.231	15.297
[illegible]	40¾	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	45¾	..	14.066	14.785
77¼	53¾	Treas	8½% 1997	62¾	..	14.384	14.902
77½	54¾	Treas	9¼% 1999	64¾	..	14.745	15.031
24¼	21½	Fund	3½% 1999-04	27½	..	13.206	14.023
24¼	46¾	Treas	8% 2002-06	55	..	14.903	15.043
43¼	32¾	Treas	5½% 2008-12	39¼	..	14.777	14.898
43¼	43¼	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	54¼	..	15.054	15.063
31½	23½	Consols	4%	23½	..	15.392	..
26¼	20¾	War Ln	3½%	23¾	..	14.912	..
26¼	20½	Conv	3½%	24¾	..	14.196	..
24¼	17¾	Treas	3%	20¾	..	15.041	..
20¼	14	Consols	2½%	16¼	..	14.965	..
20½	14¾	Treas	2½% Aft 75	16¾	..	15.445	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1974/75 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
88¼	73¾	Aust	5½% 76-79	85¾	+¼	6.479	13.084
77¼	65¾	Aust	5½% 77-80	75¾	..	7.244	12.357
69¾	59¾	Aust	5½% 81-82	68¾	+¼	[illegible]	[illegible]
69¾	58¾	Aust	6% 81-83	65	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
67¼	53	Aust	6% 74-76	96	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
77¼	61¾	Aust	7% 79-81	77	..	9.277	13.220
109	64	Berlin	4½% Ass	93	..	..	..
95	92	Chilean Mixed		95	..	..	..
62½	52	E Africa	5½% 77-83	60	..	9.356	14.994
252	259	German	4½% 1930	192	..	..	..
31	22	Hungary	4½% 1924	30	..	..	..
79	59¾	Ireland	7½% 81-83	72¾	+¼	..	..
85	72¾	Jamaica	7½% 77-79	85	..	9.423	14.501
252	94	Japan	Ass 4% 1910	242	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan	6% 83-88	55½	..	..	..
[illegible]	55½	Kenya	5% 78-82	63¾	..	9.191	14.609
[illegible]	61	Malaya	7½% 78-82	76½	..	10.113	13.493
[illegible]	[illegible]	N Z	6% 76-80	79¾	..	7.902	13.266
[illegible]	[illegible]	N Z	7½% 88-92	53½	..	13.409	14.734
[illegible]	[illegible]	N Z	7½% 83-86	65¾	+¼	11.454	13.324
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Rhod	6% 76-80	77	..	7.970	12.844
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nyasa	6% 78-81	77	..	8.032	12.905
[illegible]	[illegible]	Peru	6% Ass	155	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Afr	9½% 74-76	95½	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Rhd	2½% 65-70	42	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Rhd	4½% 87-92	39	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Rhd	6% 78-81	55	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Spanish	4%	36	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tang	5½% 78-82	64	..	9.319	14.807
[illegible]	[illegible]	Uruguay	3½%	70½	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
		Investment Dollar Premium 113¾% (133¼%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.6056.					

FOREIGN STOCKS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
40¼	16¾	Bayer	£40½	−1	156	3.9	15.7
138¾	38¼	Commerzbank	£124	y +¾	72.0	2.3	26.5
35	13¼	Cp Fn Paris	£33	..	165	5.0	15.3
51¾	28	EBES	£43½	..	199	4.6	..
45¾	29¼	Ericsson	£34½	..	63.6	1.8	24.5
44	32	Finsider	31	..	..	..	..
29	17	Grangcs	£25¾	..	115	5.0	5.2
445	290	Hoechst	405	−15	15.5	3.6	21.7
53	43	Montecatini L	56	..	..	..	..
22½	11½	NEFO NV	221	..	20.3	4.3	24.1
587	312	Robeco Fl.5	578	+4	23.1	4.1	43.1
417	202	Rolinco Subs Fl 5	406	−1	4.3	1.1	67.7
240	130	Snia Viscosa	170	..	4.8	2.9	..
505	210	Thyssen-Huette	390	..	24.2	4.2	10.1
43½	15¾	Volkswagen	£43¾	+¼	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10¾	6¼	Brascan	£9½	+¼	41.9	4.7	4.2
10¾	5¾	BP Canada	£9	+¼	..	..	..
22¾	6¾	Can Pac Ord	£11¼	..	36.8	3.3	10.9
20	8¾	El Paso	£8¾	..	41.7	4.7	16.8
71¾	25¾	Exxon Corp	£26¾	..	..	..	..
38	10¾	Fluor	£28¾	..	19.1	0.7	33.2
28	14¾	Hollinger	£22¾	..	..	..	..
29¾	11½	Hud Bay Oil	£29¾	+¼	28.9	1.0	55.0
35½	8	Husky Oil	£14½	..	..	..	..
10¾	4¾	Int Hldgs	£10¾	..	21.5	2.0	..
22½	13¾	Int Nickel	£20¾	+¼	77.2	3.7	12.2
11½	5¾	IU Int	£9¼	..	35.7	4.4	6.9
25¾	8¾	Kaiser Alum	£21¼	..	30.7	2.4	..
16¾	7¾	Massey-Ferg	£15¾	+¼	41.3	2.6	8.7
22½	8¾	Pacific Petrol	£21¾	..	..	..	..
13¾	4¾	Pan Canadian	£13½	..	..	..	..
138	51	Steep Rock	106	−5	..	..	..
565	475	Trans Can P	500	..	..	..	..
53¼	18¾	US Steel	£51½	+¼	..	..	..
700	330	White Pass	700	..	15.9	2.3	..
14¾	5	Zapata Corp	£16¼	+¼	34.7	1.4	10.6

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
233	130	Alexs Discount	220	+5	17.9	8.2	10.4
400	200	Allen H & Ross	375	..	26.2	7.0	7.0
330	95	Arb-Latham	175	..	11.7	6.7	11.1
439	110	Aust & NZ	430	−10	14.3	3.3	12.4
37½	30	Bk Hapoalim	30	..	0.7	2.2	9.4
370	116¾	Bk of Ireland	370	+10	16.0	4.3	5.4
24½	16¼	Bk Leumi Israel	22	..	1.3	5.7	7.3
315	180	Bk Leumi UK	210	..	11.2	5.3	15.1
740	240	Bk of NSW	715	..	16.2	2.3	19.6
38¼	17¾	Bk of N Scotia	£34¾	−¼	67.5	1.9	32.6
295	102	Bk of Scotland	290	−8	13.2	4.6	10.1
30¾	18¾	Bnks Trst NY	£24¾	..	124	5.0	8.7
340	110	Barclays Bank	295	−8	22.2	4.4	7.9
198	17	Bates E Hldgs	40	..	..e	..	..
265	65	Brown Shipley	175	..	11.8	6.6	7.7
276	95	Cater Ryder	260	+5	21.9	8.4	..
13	13	Cedar Hldgs	13	£	2.0	15.4	6.6
32¾	16¾	Chase Man	£22¾	..	93.1	4.1	5.4
31	14¾	Citicorp	£29¾	..	36.3	..	22.6
66	47	Clive Discount	60	..	4.6	7.7	9.3
310	118	Com Bk of Aust	310	..	8.1	2.6	14.0
245	100	Com Bk of Syd	210	..	7.6	3.6	15.4
32¾	13¾	CC De France	£30¾	..	103	3.4	28.0
41	2	First Nat Fin	2¾	..	..e	..	..
20	6	Fraser Ans	10½	..	1.1	10.5	43.8
310	175	Gerrard & Nat	295	−10	20.5	6.9	8.8
70	22	Gibbs A.	54	..	1.9	3.6	..
200	35	Gillett Bros	195	..	20.0	10.3	4.4
110	33	Grindlays Hldgs	39	..	..e	..	..
187	55	Guinness Peat	176	+2	11.7b	6.7	12.3
21	6	Hambros £10	£16	..	119	7.5	..
330	60	Do Ord	195	..	11.9	6.1	13.2
125	24	Hill Samuel	117	−1	6.0	5.1	12.9
272	84¾	Hong K & Shang	272	..	4.7b	1.7	35.8
315	220	Israel Brit	220	£	15.0	6.8	4.5
83	40	Jessel Toynbee	75	..	6.2	8.2	..
250	55	Joseph L.	230	..	10.0	4.4	15.4
60	32	Keyser Ullmann	43	..	..	..	..
68	35	King & Shaxson	56	−3	4.7	8.5	9.5
124	33	Kleinwort Ben	117	−2	5.0	4.5	13.2
267	92	Lloyds Bank	238	−8	11.0	4.6	8.2
145	34	Mercury Secs	141	+1	4.2	3.0	10.9
315	126½	Midland	300	−8	16.6	5.5	5.6
61	12½	Minster Assets	48	+1	4.2	9.5	7.6
310	116	Nat of Aust	310	r +5	8.4	2.7	14.8
89½	24	Nat Com Bk Grp	70	+1	3.3	4.7	9.0
310	90	Nat W'minster	240	−8	12.7	5.3	7.3
39½	18½	Ottoman	£27	..	140	5.2	15.4
112½	65	Rea Bros	65	..	2.4	3.7	11.3
27¾	15¾	Royal of Can	£25¾	−¼	56.8	2.2	11.5
445	100	Schroders	390	−10	13.4	3.4	20.0
281½	154½	Seccombe Mar	280	..	19.5	7.0	6.3
265	20	Slater Walker	21	..	8.6	41.1	1.8
73	22	Smith St Aubyn	60	..	5.5	9.2	..
510	150	Standard Chart	470	−10	20.5	4.4	8.1
345	130	Union Discount	335	..	26.4	7.9	10.0
95	41	Wintrust	59	..	4.5	7.6	10.5

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
170	48	AAH	158	+2	14.0b	8.9	6.7
103	22	AB Electronic	65	..	6.2	11.5	10.8
48	36	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.4	15.4
111	43	AD Intl	105	..	3.5	3.3	12.0
66	15	AGB Research	39	..	3.0	7.6	6.7
253	93	APV Hldgs	237	+2	13.7	5.8	9.1
90	21	AVP Ind	55	+2	3.7	6.7	5.3
80	13	Aaronson Bros	48	..	2.4	5.0	12.4
16½	5½	Abrasives Int	15½	..	2.2b	13.9	5.3
122	40	Acrow	118	..	6.1	5.1	12.8
112	23¾	Do A	104	−2	6.1	5.8	11.3
33	12¾	Adams Food	23	..	1.6	7.0	3.9
30	5	Adda Int	6	..	..	..	..
170	57	Adwest Group	132	..	9.7	7.3	6.2
48	8	Aeron't & Gen.	20	..	1.5	7.7	..
133	65	Airfix Ind	133	..	4.4	3.3	12.5
93	27½	Do NV	78	+1	3.6	4.7	7.3
90	22	Albright & W	72	+2	5.4	7.5	5.2
79	35	Alcan 10½%	£70	+1	1050	15.0	..
83	34	Do 9¾% Cnv	£61	+1	900	14.8	..
207	64	Algemene Ind	170	+2	19.3	11.4	11.5
63	25	Allen E. Balfour	63	+3	5.9a	9.3	6.7
49	12	Allen W. G.	30	−2	3.5	11.6	2.0
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	31½	..	1.8	5.7	7.7
105	23¾	Allied Colloids	103	..	1.9	1.9	12.8
24	7½	Allied Insulators	20½	..	1.6	8.5	6.3
13½	4½	Allied Plant	13½	..	1.0b	8.0	19.8
87	30	Allied Polymer	73	..	6.3	8.7	8.9
106	7	Allied Retailers	103	+7	6.8	6.6	10.0
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	20	..	1.3	6.3	12.0
159	135	Amal Metal	139	..	12.6	9.8	2.1
50	15	Amal Power	47	+2	4.7	9.9	5.6
33	16	Amber Day	47	..	3.2b	6.8	6.0
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6a	8.9	2.5
34	24	Anchor Chem	44	..	5.2	11.8	..
174½	67½	Anderson Strath	150	+1	13.1	8.2	8.0
165	24½	Anglo Am Asph	160	£	10.0	6.3	10.9
939	255	Anglo Amer Ind	£50	..	37.5	6.1	10.1
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	29	..	..e	..	..
35	13	Anglovest	25	..	2.5	10.0	10.7
51	20	Appleyard	44	−1	5.7	12.8	6.3
27	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	21½	..	1.7	9.1	7.0
82	29	Arlington Mtr	82	+2	10.0	12.2	7.8
104	25	Armitage Shanks	56	+2	6.1	10.9	12.1
35	15	Armst Equip	41½	..	1.6	4.2	9.3
50	22	Asprey 6½% Pf	40	..	6.3	15.6	..
78	23½	Ass Biscuit	71	+2	4.0	5.6	10.5
72	19½	Do A	71	+2	4.0	6.3	9.3
81	27½	Ass Brit Food	71	..	2.5	3.5	11.9
73½	21	Ass Engineer	73	..	5.6a	7.6	9.7
33	24	Ass Fisheries	26	..	..e	..	2.2
106	9½	Ass Leisure	35	..	3.9	13.9	8.6
136	52	Ass News	96	..	6.6	6.9	8.0
37½	25	Ass Paper	35	..	4.0	11.1	3.3
216	81	Ass Port Cement	192	+6	11.0	6.0	15.4
73	22	Ass Tel 'A'	66	+4	6.0	9.1	10.2
34	26	Ass Tooling	28	..	2.9	10.3	4.3
36	12	Astbury & Mdley	22	..	1.4	6.2	4.6
120	47	Atlas Stone	115	h	7.0	6.1	..
30	11	Attwood Garage	16½	+2	2.2	13.3	11.9
53	16	Audiotronic	37	..	5.0	13.5	8.6
33	13	Ault & Wiborg	27	..	3.3b	12.4	6.4
68¾	27¾	Aurora Hldgs	51	..	6.0	9.3	6.0
55	22	Austin E.	44	..	4.5	10.2	3.1
50	22	Automotive Pd	39	..	2.3	6.0	7.4
122	41½	Avery's	112½	..	6.8	6.1	11.3
161	24	Avon Rubber	45	..	1.5	3.4	..
70	25	BBA Grp	64	+1	7.9a	6.0	8.9
127	56	BICC	119	−2	10.2	8.5	8.8
39½	22	BOC Int	36	..	3.7b	6.6	9.1
150	49½	BPB Ind	155	+2	9.6b	6.2	10.6
41½	24	BPM Hldgs 'A'	31½	..	3.9	12.3	9.1
23¾	4	BSG Int	22½	+½	..	..	28.8
102	27	BSR Ltd	82	+2	3.3	4.0	7.7
152	43¼	BTR Ltd	245	−3	10.0b	6.9	10.8
77	23	Babcock & W	70	−2	3.0a	4.3	9.4
50	22	Bacal Const	18	..	..e	..	2.0
70	29	Baggeridge Brk	29	−2	2.7	8.9	7.0
12	4¼	Bailey C.H. Ord	5¼	..	0.3	4.7	3.0
70	26	Baird W.	87	..	11.5	13.2	6.1
35	14	Baker Perkins	31	−1	4.0	7.8	15.5
57	22	Bambergers	54	..	3.7	6.8	7.3
17	2½	Barker & Dobson	4¼	..	..	..	..
287	130	Barlow Rand	257	+2	23.0	9.0	8.2
53	22	Barr & Wallace	40	..	4.2	10.6	36.4
50	22	Do A	40	..	4.2	10.6	36.4
130	34	Barratt Devs	122	+3	9.2	7.6	5.1
61	24½	Barrow Hepbn	44	−1	4.4b	10.2	5.2
40	19	Barton & Sons	43	+1	2.8	8.9	4.4
70	26	Bassett G.	94	..	6.5	7.0	12.2
40½	17½	Bath & P'land	33	+1½	3.3	10.0	6.1
71	[illegible]	Baxter Fell	36	..	3.1	9.8	2.3
71	[illegible]	Beales J.	37	..	..	..	..
37	30	Beatson Clark	70	..	3.9	10.6	11.3
37	23	Beauford Grp	28	..	3.9	14.0	10.2
37	[illegible]	Beaverbrook	38	..	2.2	10.2	26.1
37	[illegible]	Do A	38	−1	2.5	6.8	5.6
64½	45	Beckman A.	60½	..	6.5	10.9	7.2
341	210	Beecham Grp	337	−1½	8.1	2.4	14.5
56	17	Bejam Grp	44	+2	2.1	4.8	16.0
54	23	Bemrose Corp	39	..	3.5	9.3	3.1
34	10	Benn Bros	26	..	2.7	12.6	10.6
130	35	Berisf'ds S. & W.	130	+5	3.1b	7.0	3.6
52	16	Beresfords	34	..	3.0	9.0	4.4
45	16	Berwick Timpo	45	..	3.5b	8.3	4.7
163	62¾	Bestobell	158	+2	11.2	7.1	6.9
98	21½	Bett Bros	70	..	4.1a	5.8	6.4
30	22	Bibby J.	70	..	7.7	10.4	7.0
47	16	Billam J.	27	..	4.5a	12.5	6.0
38	16	Birmid Qualcst	35½	+2	3.6	10.1	7.1
34	9	Birm'ham Mint	30	..	3.3	11.0	..
125	80	Bishops Stores	135	..	3.0	2.2	14.5
75	40	Do A NV	65	..	3.0	4.6	7.0
160	40	Black & Edg'tn	132	..	8.0	6.0	8.9
50	9	Blackman & C	15	..	2.3a	15.3	3.0
145	27¼	Blackwd Hodge	129	+¼	4.6b	3.6	5.7
33	11	Blackwood Mt	18½	+½	..	..	..
109	58	Blagden & N	207	+2	8.4	7.9	4.3
59	26	Blundell Perm	38	..	3.4	8.9	5.7
15	5	Boardman K. O.	7	..	1.2	17.3	3.6
35	5¾	Bodycote	13	+¼	1.0b	7.8	4.2
20	7	Bolton Textile	10	..	1.9	18.6	0.5
50	15	Bonas Webb	22	..	..e	..	..
34	14	Bonser Eng	30	−1	1.7	5.8	7.7
197	55	Booker McCon	193	−1	8.9	5.4	7.9
143	30	B'sey & Hawkes	90	..	6.0	6.7	5.8
120	33	Boot H.	119	..	10.0	8.4	4.9
143	45	Boots	133	+2	3.6	2.7	15.1
33	10	Boulton W.	17	..	1.6	9.2	7.1
179¾	54	Bowater Corp	164	+6	10.8b	6.7	7.8
45	26	Bowthrpe Hldgs	37	..	1.9	5.2	7.7
73	15	Braby Leslie	73	+5	4.8b	6.3	4.7
92	40	Brady Ind	74	+2	8.0	10.8	4.8
90	29	Do A	73	+3	8.0	11.0	4.8
31	10	Braham Millar	31	..	2.3	7.5	6.6
31	10	Braid Grp	19	+1	1.7a	8.7	5.3
103	35	Braithwaite	90	..	9.8	10.9	5.8
102	37	Brammer H.	93	..	6.6	7.0	6.1
45	13	Bramway	61	..	3.3	5.4	2.9
60	20	Bremner	43	..	5.1	11.8	7.8
33	25	Brent Chem Int	97	+1	2.6	2.7	12.8
50½	13½	Brent Walker	46	..	1.4	3.1	15.3
30	12	Brickhouse Dud	27	..	2.8	10.2	6.0
166	53	Bridon	145	+2	8.5b	5.8	6.9
57	40	Brierley	44	..	3.2	7.2	10.3
34	15½	Bright J. Grp	33	+1	3.2	9.5	6.3
13	3½	Bristol Plant	6	−1	..e	..	3.6
343	150	Brit Am Tob	330	+2	17.0	5.3	6.9
61	17½	Brit Car Auctn	45	+2	3.3	7.4	9.5
33	9	Brit Enkalon	16	..	0.4	2.5	3.6
367¾	149	Brit Home Strs	337	+2	15.7b	4.7	17.9
49	12	Brit Ind Hldgs	22	..	2.2	9.8	9.9
53	25	Brit Leyland	30	..	..	..	..
43	14	Brit Mohair	24½	..	1.9	7.9	9.2
49	15½	Brit Printing	44½	+1	4.9	11.0	4.5
41½	13	Brit Rollmakers	35	..	3.7	10.4	9.7
72½	36½	Brit Sim Spec	67	..	7.1b	10.6	7.3
455	185	Brit Sugar	330	+5	33.0a	3.9	10.6
34	12	Brit Tar Prod	34	+1	2.1	6.1	6.0
68	23	Brit Vita	53	..	2.8	7.1	4.0
40	19	Britains	35½	+½	4.6	13.1	3.5
190	85	Brockhouse J.	173	..	15.2	10.6	7.8
74½	15	Brocks Grp	45	+1	4.1	9.1	0.5
805	324	Broken Hill	715	..	18.8	2.6	21.3
65¾	18	Brook St Bur	45	..	5.7	12.6	5.2
51	12	Brooke Bond	47	..	3.8b	8.9	15.4
26	9	Brooke Tool	32	..	..	..	..
83	26	Brotherhood P.	72	−1	8.8	12.2	11.7
50	33	Brown & Tawse	56	..	3.1	5.6	4.8
33	20	BBK	24	..	..	..	60.0
31	4	Brown Bros Cp	13½	−½	0.8	4.9	14.1
111	41	Brown J.	37	−2	..	..	..
32	19	Brown N. Inv	25	..	3.9	15.4	4.0
108	43	Bruntons	96	..	8.5b	9.8	6.7
35	10	Bryant Hldgs	22	..	2.8	12.3	6.9
11	1½	Budge Bros	1½	£	1.0b	53.4	2.0
71	29	Bulloush Ltd	72	..	7.0b	9.8	5.9
29	10	Bulmer & Lumb	26	..	3.6	13.5	8.7
108	47	Bunzl Pulp	92	..	3.8	6.4	3.9
70	10	Burco Dean	64	−2	4.5	7.1	9.3
78	14	Burgess Prod	36	..	5.1	17.0	44.1
67	24	Burnett H'shire	95	..	4.1	6.2	4.3
67	21	Do A NV	65	−1	4.1	6.3	5.3
32	7	Burns And'son	21	..	1.6	8.1	3.7
15¾	5¾	Burrell & Co	7¾	..	0.8	11.0	..
300	135	Burt Boulton	163	..	15.2	9.2	28.0
128	30	Burton Grp	55	..	6.9	12.4	45.5
117	29	Do A	42	+1	6.6	16.2	25.0
48	24	Bury & Masco	36	..	5.9	16.3	5.3
17	4	Business Com	4	£	0.7b	17.5	0.9
35	9	Butterfld-Harvy	33	..	2.7	8.2	6.5

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	33	CCH Inv	35	..	..	..	..
25¾	10	CGSB Hldgs	13	+½	1.6	10.2	4.5
55	23	Cadbury Sch	45½	−1	3.3b	7.1	12.9
114	33	Caffyns	80	+2	7.4	9.2	6.2
55	45	C'bread Robey	45	..	1.7	3.7	12.6
35	9	Campari	27	−1	1.8	6.6	27.3
62	18	Camrex Hldgs	39	−1	4.3	10.9	4.0
147	46	Cape Ind	132	..	10.3b	7.8	9.4
66½	22	Caplan Profile	47	..	6.2	13.2	4.0
56	21	Capper Neill	51	r −1	4.0b	7.8	8.2
33	6	Caravans Int	12½	+½	0.3	2.5	78.1
40	13½	Carclo Eng	37	..	3.8	10.4	3.5
73	22	Carless Capel	65	−1	2.3	3.6	6.6
80	26	Carlton Ind	54	−3	6.4	11.8	7.5
19	3¾	Caroni	10	−½	3.0	26.7	1.1
93	35	Carpets Int	77	..	9.3	12.0	8.6
39	15	Carr J. (Don)	36	..	3.0	6.4	6.3
29½	7	Carr'ton Vi	27½	+½	2.6	9.6	9.7
61¾	9	Castell S. Hldgs	40	..	2.7	6.5	4.1
50	35	Catalin	39	..	3.4	8.4	5.9
43	1	Causton Sir J.	9½	..	..e	..	..
132	40	Cavenham	127	−1	6.0	4.7	6.1
195	45	Cawoods	154	..	8.6	5.6	9.3
15	6½	Celestion	10	+½	0.6	5.5	5.0
75	15	Cement Roadstone	71	..	4.8	6.7	5.3
25	9½	Cen & Sheer	17	..	2.0	12.7	10.2
56½	18¾	Central Mfr	44½	−1½	3.3	7.3	4.2
35	11½	Central Wagon	30	−1	3.4	11.5	3.9
35	13	Centre Hotels	36	..	1.7	4.5	7.6
35	11	Centreway Secs	18	..	2.6	15.5	3.0
35	10½	Century Secs	13	−2	3.0	24.7	1.9
36	24	Ch'mbn & Hill	30	..	3.3	11.4	2.0
38	25	Chamberl'n Grp	24	..	2.4	10.0	7.4
34	16	Chamb Phipps	22	..	2.7	12.2	9.0
30½	15	Charles D.	24	..	2.5b	11.0	18.1
44	12	Char'ton G'dner	37½	−3	4.0	10.7	9.8
117	37	Chloride Grp	104	−4	5.3	5.1	11.1
40	31	Christies Int	54	..	3.8	7.0	15.2
116	30	Chubb & Sons	105	−3	4.8	4.6	10.6
160	40	Church & Co	119	−3	9.4	7.1	4.7
135	50	Do A	107	..	9.4	7.8	4.3
16	6½	Ciro Hldgs	14	..	..e	..	..
56	20	Clark & Fenn	44	..	3.1	7.1	5.2
80	24	Clarke Chapman	65	−1	6.3	9.2	6.0
56	20	Clarke Clem.	54	..	3.2	5.9	9.3
81	25	Clayton Dewan	76	+1	8.8b	11.2	9.0
130	65	Clough A.	70	..	3.9	5.6	6.0
29½	7½	Coalite & Chem	20	−1	0.9	4.3	5.3
66	22	Coates Bros	52	..	3.4	5.4	6.1
33	9	Do A	46	..	2.8	6.1	5.4
63½	23¾	Coats Patons	63½	+3½	4.2b	6.7	11.7
51	29	Cole R. H.	43	..	4.7	10.5	..
63	12	Collett D'son	34	−1	3.9	11.5	4.5
8½	6½	Collier S.	8½	£	0.4	5.9	4.5
169	45	Collins W.	121	−1	5.4	4.8	11.6
166	45	Do A	116	..	5.4	4.9	12.5
21	9½	Coltness Grp	19½	..	2.2	24.0	4.8
91	20	Comb Eng Strs	34	−1	4.1	4.9	9.6
90	12	Comet Radiov'n	44	−1	4.4	10.0	5.5
38	22¾	CompAir	66	..	4.5b	6.8	9.0
38	15	Compton Pitcr	41	..	5.0a	12.1	5.0
87	9	Compton Webb	24	..	2.0	9.2	6.2
65	14	Concrete Ltd	49	..	4.5	9.2	10.5
18½	6¾	Cooper Inds	9½	..	1.1b	11.8	4.0
37	23½	Cope Allman	35	..	3.9	11.2	5.2
133	39	Coral J Hldgs	97	+2	9.0	9.2	8.3
40	17½	Cornercroft	18	..	4.0	22.5	4.0
15	6	Cory H.	15	..	1.0	9.3	6.5
58	24	Cosalt	45	..	3.3	7.3	3.7
242	60	Costain R.	232	+5	6.5	2.8	11.8
51	11	Countryside	13	+1	..	..	..
85	28	Courts (Furn)	80	−1	4.0	5.0	7.4
85	25	Do A NV	80	−1	4.0	5.0	7.4
90	10	Court Hlis Ldn	22	y	1.9	6.9	4.0
152	51	Courtaulds	145	+4	8.8	6.1	4.7
80	26	Courtney Pope	41	..	5.4	13.3	8.4
38	16½	C'wan de Groot	35	..	5.0b	14.3	3.1
35	11	Cowie T.	32	..	2.0	6.4	17.8
40	12½	Cox Ind	13	£	..e	..	2.4
27	9	Crane Fruehauf	15	−2	1.3	7.2	..
34	23	Crellon Hldgs	31	−1	2.6	8.4	5.7
82	23	Crest Nicholson	30	+½	4.1	13.6	2.8
70	23	Croda Int	58	+2	2.5	4.3	7.6
32	13	Cropite Grp	30	..	3.4	11.3	9.9
35	20	Cropper J.	23	..	..e	..	..
112	76	Crosby Hse	105	..	15.1	12.5	..
17	9	Crossland R.	17	+½	1.6	9.5	7.2
63	13¾	Crossley Bldg	63	−1½	5.9b	9.2	6.8
71	15	Crouch D.	33	..	4.3	13.1	8.8
53	12	Crouch Grp	28	+1	3.7	13.3	7.3
55	20	Crowther J.	30	..	..	..	..
40	13	Culter Guard	16½	..	0.8a	3.5	10.6
74	26	Cum'ns En Cv	£46	..	375	8.2	..
55	17	Cuthbert R. & G.	18	−1	..	..	31.0
55	11½	Cutler Hammer	£21¼	−¼	67.6	3.1	11.6
124	44	Dale Electric	122	−1	3.6	6.4	11.5
146	60	Danish Bacon 'A'	144	..	9.6	6.7	5.4
38	24	Danks Gowerton	37	..	3.0	8.1	3.7
13	4½	Dartmouth Inv	10½	..	1.0	8.6	7.3
93	26	Davies & New	83	..	9.7	10.4	7.9
55	14	Davis G.	42	..	4.2	10.0	9.9
117	44½	Davy Int	114	+1	8.8b	7.7	10.2
54	11	Dawson & Barfos	49	h −1	2.4a	4.9	8.8
62	30	Dawson J.	52	..	6.8	13.1	5.6
570	310	De Beers Ind	540	..	37.9	7.0	12.3
91¾	29¾	Debenhams	83	+2	6.8b	8.0	10.4
200	65	De La Rue	200	+3	16.4	8.2	8.8
286	74	Decca	248	+4	13.3	5.4	8.0
284	60	Do A	236	+8	13.8	5.7	7.7
45	15	Delson	27	+1	2.3	8.3	4.3
73½	35½	Delta Metal	57½	+1½	6.3	10.9	7.0
227	39	Denbyware	77	+2	7.7	6.2	8.8
133	39	De Vere Hotels	80	..	5.3	6.7	24.2
145	58	Dew G.	97	..	6.3	6.5	5.1
129	45½	DRG	116	+1	8.8	7.6	6.0
26	3½	Dimplex Ind	9½	..	..	..	..
46½	19	Diploma Inv	43	..	3.3	7.7	4.2
60	13½	Dixons Photo	56	−2	3.0b	5.4	6.1
60	25	Do A	53	−2	3.0b	5.5	6.0
60	28	Dixor	30	..	0.7	2.4	19.5
42¾	13¾	Dobson Park	40½	..	2.6	6.4	9.5
31	20	Dolan Pack	45	..	3.0	6.1	4.2
52	29	Dom Hldgs	30	..	3.4	12.9	11.9
112	55	Dorman Smith	105	..	6.7	6.4	10.0
105	30	Do A	100	..	6.7	6.7	9.3
73	18	Douglas R. M.	42	..	4.9	7.9	4.8
23	6	Dow'd & Mills	24	..	1.4	5.8	11.6
146	53	Downing G. H.	142	−2	13.2	9.1	9.5
144	41	Dowty Grp	137	+3	7.7	5.6	10.7
20½	6	Drake Cubitt	11	..	..	..	..
49	21½	Dreamland Elec	38	..	3.0	7.9	6.0
40½	10½	Dufay	39¾	..	2.1	5.4	6.5
270	115	Duncan W.	125	+10	..e	..	3.6
71	28	Dunford & Elt	44	−2	5.9	13.4	3.8
71	37	Dunlop Hldgs	65	+1	5.0	7.4	7.9
17	3	Duple Int	4½	..	..	..	3.8
82	38½	Duport	59	..	5.2b	10.4	3.2
39	10½	Dutton For	23	+1	1.2	5.3	9.1
59	17	Dykes J. Hldgs	37½	..	4.8	12.7	7.9
73	18	ERF Hldgs	34	..	3.9	11.6	4.8
40	23	E Lancs Paper	38	..	4.5	11.9	2.9
62	20	E Mid A Press	39	..	3.5	8.9	7.4
70	13	Eastern Prod	17	..	..	..	2.4
54	23	Eastwood J. B.	52	..	4.8	9.2	..
70	18	Do B Dfd.	46	..	..	..	..
99	30	Ecbro	73	..	7.2	9.9	5.9
56	14½	Eca Hldgs	34	..	2.3	6.8	4.4
29½	7½	Eldridge St'fd	32½	f	4.6	12.7	2.1
42	21½	Elecro Hldgs	27	+1	2.2	8.1	6.6
43	12	Elec & Ind Secs	38½	..	3.0a	7.9	8.3
134	62	EMI Ltd	234	..	9.8	4.2	16.4
124	42	Electrocomps	118	..	6.0	5.1	9.7
74	38	Electr'nic Rent	64	+2	2.0	3.1	13.2
57	23	Elliott B.	51½	+2	5.6	10.8	2.7
43	20¾	Elliott Grp	36	..	3.0b	8.4	4.5
132	65	Ellis & Everard	98	..	4.6	4.7	34.6
33	10	Ellis & Gold	19	..	2.3	12.1	3.7
103	35½	Empire Stores	96	..	4.7b	5.4	10.1
20¼	2	Energy Serv	2½	..	..	..	..
22	7½	England J. E.	19½	..	1.7	8.8	9.9
50	22	English Card Cl	43	..	3.4	7.8	4.5
104	35	Eng China Clay	67½	+2½	3.3b	5.2	9.4
87	25	Erith & Co	77	..	6.4	8.3	10.5
95	26	Esperanza	94	..	6.1	7.3	..
170	19	Eucalyptus Pulp	36	..	6.9	19.2	1.7
67	24½	Euro Ferries	61½	+1½	2.8b	4.5	10.6
50	22	Eva Industries	43	..	5.1	11.9	4.2
118	45	Ever Ready Hg	110	−2	4.9	4.5	11.2
75	22	Evode Hldgs	37	..	2.7	4.7	6.2
31	9¼	Ewer G.	20	..	1.5	7.6	11.0
116	51	Exch Telegraph	74	−2	6.4a	8.6	21.7
10	4¼	Excalibur	8	..	0.6	7.3	3.3
64½	27	Expand Metal	55	..	4.3	7.7	8.0

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
52	17	F C Cons	47	..	4.2	8.7	5.8
79	22	FMC	54	..	7.7a	14.2	..
20	7½	FPA Cons	12½	..	..e	..	..
195	65½	Fairclough L.	190	+4	22.7a	6.7	8.9
38	6	Fairfax Jersey	20	..	..	..	..
65	23	Fairview Est	62	+1	7.2	13.6	4.6
105	28	Farnell Elect	95	+1	3.1	6.2	6.2
66	18	Fed Chem Hldgs	45	−1	4.4	9.9	3.4
24	6	Fed Lnd & Bulld	16	..	1.5	7.2	11.5
29½	15½	Feedex Ltd	29	..	2.0b	6.8	8.4
123½	62¾	Fenner J. H.	119	+2	9.2b	7.8	9.7
74	36	Ferguson Hldgs	69	..	7.6	11.0	7.6
69	30	Ferro Metal	56	..	5.7	10.1	2.5
40	9	Fertiemann B.	40	..	1.1	2.6	2.0
27	9½	Fine Art Dev	20½	..	1.7	8.2	7.0
155	51	Finlay J.	132	..	6.4b	4.8	8.7
21	24	Finlay Pack	16	..	1.4	8.6	6.6
20	9	First Finsbury	20	..	3.1b	15.4	12.7
63	33	Firth G.M.	62	..	7.7	12.2	4.5
417	145	Fisons	348	..	15.7	4.3	12.3
75	24	Fitch Lovell	33	..	4.7	5.5	13.8
89	10½	Fodens	21	−1	0.5	2.4	4.7
28	7	Fogarty E.	69	−2	3.2	7.7	7.6
23½	6½	Folkes Hefo NV	20	..	1.6	8.1	6.3
38	14	Ford (Martin)	38	..	3.4	8.9	10.7
174	24	Ford Mtr BDR	174	..	5.6g	3.2	21.5
76	24	Forminster	69	+1	5.3	7.6	5.0
790	340	Fortnum & Mason	685	..	20.2	3.0	10.1
188	32	Foseco Min	173	+2	5.5	3.2	12.4
78	31	Foster Bros	59	−1	3.6	6.1	10.0
25	10½	Foster J.	25	..	..e	..	7.5
36	6	Francis Parker	6	..	..	..	..
242	74	Freemans Ldn	157	−1	7.4	4.7	9.0
97	25	French T.	35	..	3.2	9.2	3.4
36¾	7¾	French Kier	36	..	..e	..	..
76½	33	Friedland Doggt	62	..	3.9	6.0	7.3
145	68	GHP Grp	110	+2	10.3	9.4	8.0
34	13	GRA Prop Tst	9½	£	..	..	..
140	47	Gallenkamp	130	..	6.4	4.9	7.5
43	13	Galliford Brindley	29	..	2.8	9.6	4.8
84	32	Garnar Scotblair	74	..	3.4b	4.6	4.7
62	23¾	GEI Int	51	+1	4.8b	8.4	6.5
145	46	GEC	140	+1	4.7	3.3	9.2
231	103	Gen Mtr BDR	230	..	5.1	2.2	28.1
60	15	Gibbons Dudley	58	+1	4.5	7.8	9.1
61	45	Gibbons S. Int	72	..	3.8	5.2	6.9
132	42	Gill & Duffus	132	..	5.8a	4.4	8.6
40	13½	Gillspur Ltd	38	+½	3.4	8.9	8.4
60	22	Glass & Metal	60	+2	3.9b	6.4	8.4
40	13½	Glass Glover	21	..	1.9a	9.0	11.5
416½	183	Glaxo Hldgs	365	+2	12.6	3.5	14.3
35	13	Gleeson M. J.	27	..	2.3b	8.5	6.1
106½	36	Glynwed	100	+4	9.7b	9.7	8.7
96	24	Goldbg & Sons	55	..	5.8	10.8	10.3
134	33	Gomme Hldgs	75	+2	7.6	10.1	21.9
62½	20	Gordon & Gotch	56	..	3.1	5.5	7.0
108	28	Gordon L. Grp	30	..	..	..	..
42	22	Graham Wood	24	..	2.6	10.8	5.5
55	12	Grampian Hldgs	51	+1	5.2	10.1	8.4
75	21	Granada 'A'	75	+2	3.7	4.9	9.5
80½	22¾	Grand Met Ltd	73	..	5.0b	6.9	12.1
224	89	Gt Univ Stores	196	+2	9.4	4.9	11.2
210	85	Do A	189	+2	9.4	5.0	10.9
33	11	Gre Milletts	22	..	1.8	6.7	8.7
79	30	Greens Econ	70	..	3.3	4.2	8.0
84	32	Gripperrods	70	..	4.9	7.1	5.5
266	106½	GKN	255	+5	16.7	6.6	5.7
40	12½	HAT Grp	37	..	1.8b	4.5	5.6
105	28	Haden Carrier	101	..	10.4	10.3	7.3
285	92	Haggas J.	275	+5	4.3	1.5	6.6
175	60	Hall Eng	140	..	8.6	6.1	4.6
159½	62	Hall M	215	+2	9.1	7.0	14.1
91	19	Hall-Thermot E	91	+5	4.3	4.7	10.1
21	9	Calma Ltd	17½	..	1.6	9.5	5.4
174	65	Hanimex Corp	138	+5	5.7	4.1	6.6
123	34½	Hanson Trust	120	+2	10.4b	8.6	12.4
59	21	Hardy Furn	44	..	4.4	9.9	8.8
55	14	Do A	45	..	4.3	10.1	5.6
47	15	Hargreaves Grp	26	..	3.4	9.2	7.4
42½	9½	Harmo Ind	41	..	2.2	5.4	3.9
52	15	Harris Sheldon	39	..	3.7	9.5	7.3
56	22¾	Harris M. P.	45	h	1.4e	2.9	8.5
127¾	3¾	Harrison Cros	28	+¾	44.6b	5.6	9.6
54	18	Hartwells Grp	45½	..	3.2b	11.6	5.5
240	152	Hawker Sidd	318	..	19.5	6.1	5.6
79	20½	Hawkins & Tipson	73	+1	3.0a	6.7	6.0
240	24	Hawthorn L.	52	..	2.3	4.4	..
205	54	Hays Wharf	75	−1	6.3	9.2	8.1
42	6	Head Wri'son	42	+1½	4.0a	9.8	3.5
25	7½	Helene of Ldn	10	..	0.8	7.8	4.2
35¾	19	Helical Bar	25	..	3.1	12.6	6.2
39	21	Hend'son Kent	33	..	3.2	9.2	5.1
174	26	Henly's	74½	−3	8.3	11.1	6.2
41½	9	Hepworth Cer	40	+1	3.0	7.6	10.5
77½	26	Hepworth J. 'A'	36	..	3.2	8.9	3.9
72	19	Do B NV	36	..	3.2	5.8	9.9
29	4	Herbert A.	3½	..	..e	..	..
13½	7	Herman Smith	10	..	0.6	6.1	4.0
73	24¾	Hestair	72	..	4.5b	6.5	6.9
57¾	17½	Hewden-Stuart	70	..	2.2b	4.4	5.0
26	6	Hewitt J	24	..	1.2	6.4	9.2
66	30	Hickng P'cost	56	..	7.5	13.1	5.1
200	101	Hickson Welch	224	+2	12.7	4.3	9.5
19½	8½	H'eld Bros	11½	+½	1.2	10.9	..
75	17	Higgs & Hill	45	+2	4.3	9.5	5.9
29	13	Highgate Opt	27	..	2.9	10.7	6.2
100	43	Hill C. Bristol	36	..	4.0	4.4	..
129	36	Hoffnung S.	34	..	5.2	5.6	11.8
33	15	Hollas Grp	32	..	3.3	16.2	9.7
97	15	Hollis Bros	49	..	5.1	10.4	14.9
65	24	Holt Products	41	..	2.7	6.7	29.2
25	14	Home Charm	70	..	1.3	1.7	11.7
330	115	Hoover	315	..	17.3	5.5	..
335	117	Do A	315	..	17.3	5.5	..
25	7	Hopkinsons	13	..	..	..	10.5
110½	34	House of Fraser	10½	−1	..	..	..
15	15	Hoveringham	30	..	1.1a	3.6	10.8
35	14	Do RV	29½	..	0.7	2.6	9.2
35	20	Howard & Wynd	26	..	..	..	5.2
36¾	15	Do A	21½	..	..	..	..
15	10	Howard Mach	45	..	3.1b	7.4	4.0
20	11½	Howard Tenens	12½	..	2.6	19.2	4.6
47	15	Howden Grp	45	..	4.9	9.9	3.4
14¾	9½	Hudsons Bay	£12¾	+½	25.6	1.9	20.0
19	2	Humphries Hldgs	16	..	..	..	..
24½	5	Hunt Moscrop	19	..	2.8	14.3	2.7
83	27½	Hunting Assoc	76	f −1	3.7b	4.9	4.5
83	22	Huntleigh Grp	60	..	2.9	4.8	5.4
9½	7½	Hutchison Int	26	+½	..	..	..

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
155	40	IDC Grp	97	..	11.2	11.5	5.3
100	33¾	Ibstock Johns'n	93	−3	7.7b	8.3	6.5
40	12	Illing Morris	25	..	2.1	8.5	5.4
32	10½	Do A	24	..	2.1	8.9	8.1
320	116	Imp Chem Ind	314	−1	19.2	5.8	6.0
185	55	Imp Cold Store	128	..	5.8	4.5	8.6
53½	23¾	Imperial Grp	80	−1½	6.6	8.3	14.9
70	20	Imp Metal Ind	49½	+½	4.0	8.0	10.3
67	19	Incledon & L	46	+1	4.7	10.2	7.3
30	13½	Ingall Ind	26	..	2.2	12.3	6.7
56	20	Ingram H.	34	..	3.6	10.7	4.7
56	20	Initial Services	54	..	5.2	9.6	9.6
12½	6½	Int Combustion	9	..	1.0b	11.1	..
45	28	Int Computers	54	−1	1.0	1.8	2.8
110	38	Int Timber	87	..	8.0	9.1	20.0
74	30	Inveresk Grp	49½	−1	5.7	11.3	1.9
102	23	Ireland E.	26	..	..e	..	..
13½	6¾	Iteo BDR	£10¾	..	9.6	0.9	..
28	9½	JB Hldgs	24	..	1.2	5.2	4.4
22	6	Jacks W.	14	..	..	..	..
47	20	Jackson & Stple	23	..	3.3	14.4	10.2
85	23	Jacksons B'End	39	..	4.4	11.3	5.1
153	45	James R. C.	130	..	7.9	6.1	7.2
407½	136¾	Jardine M'son	348	−2	..	..	..
185	37	Jarvis J.	134	..	11.0	8.0	5.1
18	5	Jessups Hldgs	17	..	2.0	11.5	5.2
85	22	Johnson & F B	51	−1	5.4	10.5	5.1
64	18	Johnson Grp	33	..	3.2	10.8	8.7
355	122	Johnson Matt	317	+10	15.7	5.0	6.3
240	54	Johnson-Richd	186	−4	8.2	4.4	6.7
73	30	Jones Stroud	58	..	5.4	9.4	4.4
38	10	Jourdan T.	11	..	..	..	6.2
43	18	Judge Int	27	−1	2.8	10.5	8.3
94	23	K Shoes	51	..	3.2	6.3	8.1
70	20	Kelsey Ind	52	..	3.8	7.3	4.8
87	20	Kenning Mtr	32	..	4.7	8.1	7.1
43	13½	Kent M. P.	22	−1	2.6	8.2	3.3
150	30	Kitchen Taylor	48	..	2.6	5.4	5.6
219	64	Kleeman Ind	214	+2	6.4b	3.0	14.5
138	34	Kwik Save Disc	126	..	5.5	4.4	20.6
68	17½	LCP Hldgs	68	..	6.0	8.8	9.2
58	14	LRC Int	37	..	3.1	8.3	21.0
99	31	Ladbroke	69	..	6.3b	9.1	9.0
48	25	Ladies Pride	38	..	4.0	10.5	6.4
34	12	Lafarge	21	..	1.2	5.5	6.5
146½	36	Laing J.	129	+2	2.7	2.1	15.9
146½	36	Do A	128	+2	2.7	2.1	15.9
54½	24½	Laird Grp Ltd	49	+½	3.7b	7.5	3.5
73	27	Lake & Elliot	70	+3	4.8	6.9	6.6
41	25	Lambert H'wth	35	..	3.5	9.9	3.2
102	48	Lamson Ind	79	..	4.2	5.3	..
42	6	Lane P. Grp	19	..	..e	..	..
121	46	Lankro	121	+1	7.4b	6.1	3.6
108	42	Laporte Ind	64	+2	4.6b	7.2	4.2
170	65	Latham J.	150	..	10.6	7.1	4.2
67	16½	Laurence Scott	42	+2	3.9	9.0	..
66	50	Lawrence (Walt)	66	+3	6.9a	10.5	7.5
40	20	Lawtex	30	..	4.0	13.3	4.3
120	43	Lead Industries	114	..	7.5	6.6	..
49	16	Le-Bas E.	44	..	2.2	4.6	4.7
20½	9¾	Lee A.	14¾	+¾	2.1	14.4	2.5
79	36	Leisure Caravan	73	..	7.4b	9.5	10.6
168	61	Lep Grp	130	..	3.9	3.0	5.1
41	22	Lesney Ord	37	+2	1.8b	3.5	5.1
38	21	Do RV	36	..	3.3b	5.0	4.0
98	13	Letraset	51	+2	2.0	3.9	11.7
85	6¾	Lex Services	24	+¾	2.3	9.7	7.9
56	21	Lilley F. J. C.	51	+1	2.6	5.1	6.0
39	20	Lincroft Kllg	35	..	4.5	12.9	4.3
69	29	Lindustries	55	−1	5.8	10.5	4.4
255	45	Linfood Hldgs	222	−4	2.3	3.3	12.6
46	20	Linread	41	..	4.7	11.5	7.2
75	26	Lipton L.	36	..	..	..	2.8
50½	21	Lister & Co	41½	+1½	5.5	9.1	12.2
71	29	Lloyd F. H.	47	+1	6.2	3.3	5.6
64	10	Lloyds Indust	30	+1	3.0	10.0	10.1
12¼	6½	Locker T.	9	..	2.0	11.9	..
11¾	5	Do A	8½	..	2.0	12.9	..
70	25	Lockwoods Fds	54	..	4.6	7.2	4.4
61	15	Ldn & M'land	34	..	3.9	10.5	4.3
50	15	Ldn & N'thern	45½	+1	3.0	11.9	7.9
62	25	Ldn Brick Co	38	+2	3.7	6.2	11.6
117½	68	Ldn Prov Post	71	..	12.1	15.0	4.5
43	19	Longton Trans	31	..	4.4	14.1	5.2
159	42¾	Lonrho	120	..	5.8	4.8	..
100	28	Lonsdale Univ	56	..	5.6	10.0	4.9
78	25	Lovell Hldgs	41	−1	3.0a	7.4	5.6
75	75	Lowes J.	73	f	..	..	..
194	82½	Low & Bonar	155	+2	13.9	9.0	4.7
176	37	Lucas Ind	167	..	8.1	4.9	7.2
86	29	Lyles S.	39	..	5.1	13.1	..
23¾	11	Lyndale Eng	12	..	1.5	12.0	3.7
225	55	Lyons J. Ord	139	..	11.7	7.8	45.5
240	50	Do A	148	..	11.7	7.9	44.5

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	7	MFI W'house	35	..	3.1	4.5	23.4
101	27	MK Electric	94	+4	3.1	3.3	12.5
90	17	MK Refrig'tion	42	..	3.6	8.5	4.4
36	10	MTE Ltd	32½	b	2.6	7.6	7.9
44	16	MY Dart	35	..	2.1	6.1	6.0
240	95¾	McCorquodale	208	..	19.6b	9.4	9.5
83	15	McInerney Prop	22	..	..e	..	..
38½	11	McCleery L'Amie	32	−1	2.6	11.7	4.2
11	3½	McIntyre	4½	f	0.8	19.6	3.4
44	16	Mackay H.	42	..	4.4	10.5	5.4
80	30	McKechnie Bros	69	..	5.5	7.9	14.0
70	35	McNeill Grp	65	..	4.0	7.3	3.1
45	17	Macpherson D.	36	..	3.0b	8.3	3.1
30	8½	Madame Tussds	17½	−½	1.1	6.5	8.3
210	41	Magnet Joinery	204	+4	4.2	2.1	20.4
53	11	Mallinson W.	36½	−1	2.0b	7.9	6.1
100	23	Man Agcy Music	69	−2	2.5b	3.6	6.8
147	59¾	Manbre & Gart	142	..	9.5b	6.7	11.6
172	110	Man Ship Canal	172	+2	18.3	10.6	5.6
20	4½	Mang Bronze	9	..	3.4	3.4	3.5
49	20	Mann & Overtn	44	..	4.6	10.4	4.7
80	25	Manordale Grp	42	..	5.7	13.5	12.1
33	7½	Maple Mac'wds	11	..	..	..	..
121	24	Marchwiel	119	+4	4.3b	3.6	7.4
73	24	Marks A.	39	..	5.1	13.5	2.6
122	47½	Marks & Spencer	100	−1	5.2	5.1	16.5
93	29½	Marley Ltd	90	−3	4.4	4.9	7.6
21	8	Marling Ind	13	..	1.4	11.0	3.1
35½	8	Marryat Grp	23	..	2.1	9.1	3.4
46	3	Marshall Cav	29½	−2	4.1b	15.9	9.6
37	11	Marshall T Lox	24	..	2.9a	12.0	2.3
28	12	Do A	21	−½	2.9a	13.7	2.0
74	20	Marshall T. Inv	55	..	3.1	5.3	2.9
182	56	Marshalls Univ	130	..	10.2	7.9	4.4
109	46¾	Martin-Black	108	+1	6.2b	5.7	5.8
162	50	Martin-News	140	−2	5.6	4.2	8.5
60	25	Martin T	47	−2	3.4	7.0	5.5
158	59	Martonair	131	..	5.2b	4.0	9.4
53	11	Mather & Platt	46½	..	4.0	8.5	6.5
90	18	Matthews Hldgs	40	+1	2.6b	6.2	4.5
81	23	May & Hassell	43	+1	3.5	4.2	4.9
108½	18	Maynards	95	..	3.1	6.4	6.4
36	12	Mears Bros	14	..	2.3	15.7	9.2
29	10	Medminster	26	..	1.3	15.6	11.0
21	8	Menmore Mfg	11½	..	1.1	1.2	7.5
170	34	Menzies J.	130	−1	5.9	4.5	20.8
285½	133	Metal Box	274	−2	16.8	6.2	8.1
31	14	Metal Closures	96	..	4.9	7.5	5.3
39	10	Metal Products	10	f	1.2	11.5	12.7
71	11½	Metalrax	18	..	3.6	38.3	1.4
33	18½	Mettoy	40	..	2.5	6.3	5.0
67	27	Meyer M. L.	57	..	1.9	5.2	6.4
60	19	Midland Ind	16½	..	1.3	7.7	4.6
37	14	Mills A. J.	35	..	3.9	7.1	6.0
35	16	Mills & Allen	22	..	..	..	..
151	79	Mim Marsters	150	..	9.7	6.5	12.8
46	15	Mining Supplies	41	+1	3.7	7.9	3.8
60	60	Mitchell Constr	60	f	7.5a	12.5	3.7
66	23	Mitchell Cotts Gp	55	+2	4.7b	8.5	18.0
114	18	Mixconcrete	50	..	3.4	6.8	10.0
41	12	Modern Eng	38	−1	4.3	11.4	8.7
61	13	Monk A.	43	..	5.9	14.9	13.8
47	12	Mono Containers	23	..	1.5b	6.7	2.3
39½	28	M'santo 5% Ln	£32½	+2	500	15.4	..
40½	29	Do 6¼ Ln	£39½	+2	625	15.8	..
162	28	Do 5% Cnv	£169	−3	500	3.0	..
41	13	Montfort Knit	25	..	4.4	17.7	26.3
105	35	Morgan Cruc	80	+4½	6.6b	8.3	6.6
86	28	Morgan Edwds	61	..	3.0b	8.1	7.0
122	45	Morgan-Grenfell	40	−1	3.4	8.4	11.8
63	15	Morris & Blakey	49	..	5.9b	12.3	10.3
63	15	Do A	38	..	3.9b	16.4	7.7
96	18	Morris H.	68	k	4.0a	6.1	6.6
63	23	Moss Bros	36	..	1.5	4.3	19.8
58	16	Moss Eng	48	..	5.2	10.8	6.9
236	56	Mothercare	272	−2	7.2	4.3	15.9
16	3½	Mt Charlotte	4¾	..	0.1	2.4	..
95	12	Movitex	20	..	..	..	5.4
115	28	Mowlem J.	77	r +2	6.8b	8.9	5.3
91	21	Muirhead	89	+3	4.6	5.2	10.8
125	16	Myson Grp	57	..	5.4	6.2	10.9
30	10½	NSS News	37	..	2.7	4.5	12.4
182	35	Nairn & W'son	120	k	6.2	5.1	11.8
95	18	Nat Carbon	19	..	..e	..	..
30	5	Needlers	12	..	..	..	..
45	15½	Neepsend	43½	+2	4.4	9.6	7.0
49	20	Negretti & Zam	40	+2	4.2	10.4	6.0
36	12	Keill J.	35	−1	6.7	9.8	7.7
147	40	Newarthill	127	..	6.3	5.9	10.9
45	12	Newman Ind	41	+1	5.5b	13.5	5.7
50	17	Newman Tonks	48	−2	4.6	10.6	6.7
90½	40	Newmans Tubes	48	..	3.4	7.4	4.1
178	35	Newmark L.	90	..	7.7	8.5	4.7
79	24¾	Norcros	77	+3	5.6b	7.3	9.5
53	33¾	Norfolk C Htls	33¾	f	1.8	2.3	15.7
45	20	Normand Elec	39	..	3.6b	9.2	4.8
73	19¾	Nthn Foods	73	+2	3.9a	5.3	11.2
18½	7	Norton W. E.	9½	..	0.7	8.7	5.5
84	15	Norwest Holst	40	..	1.4	3.4	..
71	25	Notts Mfg	54	+1	3.7	6.8	6.1
32	9½	NuSwift Ind	15½	+1	1.1	11.9	11.2

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115	45	Ocean Wilsons	95	..	3.6b	3.7	5.9
110	42	Odex Racasan	74	..	6.0	8.1	6.8
74	29	Office & Electr	37	−1	3.3	9.0	5.8
91	35½	Ofrex Grp	61	+1	4.3	7.0	6.1
15¾	6½	Ogilvy & M	£14¾	..	42.3	3.0	9.8
57	17	Osborn S.	51	−1	4.9	9.3	1.9
75	25	Owen Owen	90	..	3.4	3.7	5.8
50	12	Oxley Printing	12	..	..b	..	..
191	53	Ozalid	121	+2	9.2	6.7	7.5
51	20	Parker Knoll 'A'	54½	+½	4.0	7.4	4.0
85	21	Parker Timber	74	..	3.3	4.4	4.4
470	121	Paterson Zoch	440	..	10.7	2.4	9.0
470	121	Do A NV	420	−10	10.5	2.6	8.6
74	19	Pauls & Whites	74	..	4.4	6.0	4.6
133	22	Pearson Long	67	..	7.9	12.9	6.9
157	25	Pearson & Son	137	−4	7.9	5.8	14.5
16	12	Do 4% Ln	£13¾	..	600	15.1	..
61	6	Peek F.	10	f	..	..	3.1
136	51½	Pegler-Hatt	136	−1	9.6b	6.1	8.8
131	76	Perkin El 4%	£100	..	..	..	..
72	9½	Permali	21½	b	..	..	..
116	28	Perry H. Mtrs	70	−1	2.5b	7.9	11.0
17	24¾	Pertemp Grp	114	−1	6.5	9.2	6.4
46	14	P'borough Mtrs	28	−1	3.9	5.1	14.5
12¾	4	Philips Fin 5%	£58	−½	2.5	10.1	4.0
537	475	Philips Lamp	500	..	37.5	9.9	..
56¾	2	Phillips Pats	31	..	31.2	3.6	..
102	30	Phoenix Timber	63	..	1.5	19.3	..
57	20	Photo-Me Int	78	..	4.9	7.8	19.8
31	20	Photopia Int	25	..	1.5	2.3	5.7
30	20	P'dilly Theatre	70	..	1.8	7.2	3.7
79	28	Pifco Hldgs	57	..	2.1	2.9	27.6
70	22	Do A	54	+1	3.4	5.2	8.5
310	54	Pilkington Bros	279	+2	13.4	5.0	11.3
33	20	Pittard Grp	56	..	5.3a	9.5	12.1
92	32	Plastons	84	−1	8.1	11.4	6.0
35½	14	Pleasurama	35	−1	2.4	6.9	5.3
207	77	Plessey	90	−1	6.2	7.9	3.0
14½	4½	Do 5 Ord	£12¾	−½	..	..	..
23	8	Plysu	24	..	1.6	4.5	5.6
40	12	Pontins	24	−1	2.3b	9.6	11.0
25	10	Poole & Glad	3½	f	..	..	..
130	62	Pork Farms	120	..	11.7	9.7	6.7
77	29	Portals Hldgs	147	..	9.5b	5.5	9.8
130	27	Porter Chad	12	..	6.0	13.3	6.8
42	17	Portsmth News	25	..	3.6	22.4	4.3
13	15	Powell Duffryn	131	..	10.4	7.9	6.6
64	17	Pratt F. Eng	63	..	6.0	9.5	6.4
12	23¾	Preedy A.	41	..	1.8	4.4	8.2
35	15	Press W	12	+½	1.7	5.3	10.7
36	28	Prestige Grp	129	−1	6.6	5.1	11.1
29	20	Pretoria P Cem	170	−10	11.9	7.0	3.8
27	42	Pride & Clarke	116	+4	13.0a	11.2	4.8
104½	24	Priest B.	34	+1	5.0	10.3	4.1
35¼	10	Pritchard Serv	19	..	1.9	10.3	6.7
98	28	Pullman R. & J.	69	+1	7.3	10.9	6.1
35	16	Pye Hldgs	52	..	5.7	10.1	5.4
56	44	Pyke W. J.	45	..	1.3	2.9	6.9
90	19	Pyramid Grp	27½	−1	2.8	10.2	9.3
54	17	Quaker Oats	£22	−½	39.9	1.8	31.2
37	18	Queens Moat	7½	..	0.8	10.5	10.4
75	5	Quick H. J.	14½	+½	1.1b	8.7	5.5
51	23	RKT Textiles	42	..	5.8	13.6	3.9
150	45½	Racal Elect	131	..	2.2	1.7	18.9
24	10	Raine Eng	23½	..	1.2	4.9	7.7
245	49	Rank Org Ord	171	−5	10.0a	5.7	10.2
335	20	Do A	160	..	10.0a	6.2	9.4
15	15	RHM	40¾	−1	3.9a	7.9	13.6
50	16	RHP	60¼	−1	4.8a	7.8	4.8
178	46	Ransomes Sims	111	..	10.3	9.3	5.3
51	24	Ratcliffe F. S.	45	..	6.5	14.4	4.2
61	20	Ratners	61	..	2.2	3.6	5.3
40	12	Rayback Ltd	27	+½	3.5b	10.4	7.5
34	10	Readicut Ins	23½	..	1.5	6.4	7.1
55½	20	RHM	62	..	3.2b	6.4	13.7
349	109	Reckitt & Colmn	326	+5	12.8	4.0	15.2
44	16	Record Ridgway	44	..	4.1	9.4	8.3
72	27	Redfearn Nat	57	−1	5.3	9.1	6.1
91	21	Rediffusion	81	−2	5.5	6.8	10.9
209	32½	Redland	105	−3	5.3b	5.0	12.4
45	22	Reed & Smith	33	..	2.4	7.4	3.2
115	33	Reed A.	35	..	3.4	9.6	8.3
73	16	Do A NV	34	+1	3.4	9.9	8.1
375	59	Reed Int	238	+6	17.0	7.2	5.2
446	60¾	Reliance Grp	445	+5	..	..	..
256	62	Renniés Cons	230	..	13.3	6.0	7.9
138	61	Renold Ltd	138	+3	10.9	7.9	8.1
74	22	Rentokil Grp	69½	+½	2.5	3.5	14.7
11¼	15	Renwick Grp	19	..	2.7	14.3	..
93	14½	Revertex	29	..	6.4	9.1	4.9
38	38	Rexmore	36	+1	2.5	15.4	6.0
44	19	Reyrolle Parsns	91	−3	4.6a	6.2	4.3
123	40	Ricardo Eng	54	..	5.2	8.3	5.2
28	29	Richards & Wall	60	−2	5.1	8.3	5.4
18½	8¾	Rich'n-Merrell	£19¾	−½	30.5	1.2	21.6
36	20	Richardsons W.	37	..	5.2	14.1	3.4
45	20	Rivlin I.D.& S.	39	..	7.6	13.5	5.6
36	19	Robb Caledon	36	−1	..	..	..
200	70	R'son Rentals	199	h	6.6	3.3	10.8
75	21	Rockware Grp	63	+2	7.1a	4.9	3.2
200	23½	Rolls-R Motors	66½	−1½	0.4	8.1	3.5
35	20	Ropner Hldg	24	..	2.2	11.1	6.0
35	21½	Do A	21¾	−¼	2.1	12.6	5.3
35	9	Rotaprint	37	..	3.3	13.3	6.6
38	7½	Rotaflex	24	..	1.1	5.3	6.4
61	26	Rotaprint	37	..	4.9	14.9	5.8
43½	16½	Rothmans Int 'B'	34½	−½	3.3	6.8	9.1
134	27	Rotork Ltd	124	−2	1.4	1.1	20.5
34	45	Routledge & K	46	..	4.8	10.5	7.8
200	32	Rowntree Mac	155	..	8.7	5.6	9.5
240	30	Rowton Hotels	226	..	2.4	11.9	8.1
55	27	Royal Sov Grp	37	..	3.4	9.2	4.1
156½	70	Royal Worcs	105	..	8.0	7.3	5.2
33	7	Royco Grp	14½	−½	3.2	22.6	12.1
38	10	Ruberoid	22	..	1.4	6.8	8.1
35	23	Rugby Cement	39	−2	4.2	5.3	20.8
49	16	Do NV	44	..	5.6	..	15.3
95	30	RTD Grp	44	..	11.4	30.0	8.2
38	6	S & U Stores	8	..	1.2	..	1.2
115	35	SGB Grp	106	−1	5.7b	6.3	5.9
118	32	SKF 'B'	£21	..	47.9	2.3	11.0
50	17	Sabah Timber	24	−1	1.2a	1.5	7.4
144	23	Sainsbury J.	130	−2	7.2	5.4	16.0
21	12¾	St Gobain	17	−1	53.1	4.8	18.2
125	40	Sale Tilney	125	−2	6.5	5.6	6.5
123	48¾	Samuel H.	124	..	7.4b	6.0	7.1
115	45½	Do A	118	..	7.4b	6.3	6.8
50½	7	Sanderson Kay	47	..	5.5	11.4	8.2
68	16	Sangers J. E.	56	..	3.8a	10.3	2.5
101	24½	Sangers	84	−1	7.4b	8.8	12.3
20	29	Savoy Hotel 'A'	28	..	0.8	3.4	..
65	21	Scapa Grp	58	..	5.6	9.8	3.9
262	118	Scholes G. H.	190	..	20.8	10.9	15.6
44	24	Scottcros	42	−1	3.7	5.9	8.3
44	11	Scottish Inv	32	fh	..	..	..
54	9	Scottish TV 'A'	53	..	5.2	10.7	13.2
31	45	Sears Vinls Inv	22	..	..	..	..
39	5	Scragg R.	39	..	0.6	3.9	4.7
45½	28½	Sears Hldgs	43	−1	2.9	6.8	12.8
102½	37½	Securicor Grp	94	..	1.6	3.1	20.6
101	41	Do NV	87	..	1.6	3.2	20.6
100½	27	Security Serv	55	..	2.4	4.8	9.4
94	37	Do A	91	..	2.4	4.6	9.8
34	12	Sekers Int	25	..	3.3	14.4	10.8
35	14	Sellincourt	12	..	1.1	16.0	9.3
44½	22	Serck	43½	−1½	3.2b	7.4	13.2
32	13	Shakespeare J.	50	..	2.5	5.5	4.7
36	11	Shaw Carpets	22	−1	3.2	15.2	5.5
35	9	Shaw F.	31	..	3.2a	8.8	3.3
60	17	Sheepbridge	56	..	4.5	8.3	12.5
50	12	Sheffield Twist	21	h	..e	..	24.1
24	16	Shellabear Price	20	..	2.8	12.7	3.6
46	34	Sherman S.	32	..	..	..	..
35	9	Siebe Gorman	60	..	7.5	12.6	8.6
161	35	Siebe Gorman	60	..	7.0b	4.1	10.2
44	13	Siemssen Hunt	20	..	2.0a	11.1	6.8
14	9	Simpson S.	40	..	2.4	9.0	12.0
44	25	Do A	40	..	4.3	10.3	9.3
40	19	Sirdar	40	−1	2.5b	10.6	7.1
45	6	600 Group	40	−1	4.9	8.4	8.0
35	16	Sketchley	92	..	3.5	8.1	9.4
25	10	Slimma Grp	23	..	2.3	10.1	6.9
115	55	Small & Tidmas	63	..	4.4	..	2.6
10	7	Smith D.S.	46	..	3.1	9.9	4.6
105	33	Smith & Neph	60	..	3.2	5.4	21.1
248	71	Smith W. H.	210	−1	12.4	3.4	24.4
55	15	Smiths Ind	174	..	9.1	5.3	7.6
37	13	Smurfit	41	−1	10.9	2.6	4.5
12	6	Sobranie	12	..	1.0	8.1	..
33	7	Do NV	12	..	..	..	..
38	11	Solicitors Law	20	..	3.0	10.1	9.1
66	30	Sparrow G. W.	48	−2	3.5	7.3	4.8
30	10	Spear & Jackson	51	..	1.3b	2.6	4.4
30	10	Spear J. W.	81	..	1.3	5.8	5.1
45	13	Spencer Gears	25	..	3.4	13.6	4.4
43	9	Spencer G.	19	..	4.8	14.2	3.5
30½	10	Spillers	54	..	3.2b	9.0	6.5
120	35	Spirax-Sarco	74	..	5.7b	5.8	10.7
25	7	Spirella	24	..	4.8a	9.0	4.9
30	17	Spooner Ind	40	..	3.2	15.2	3.4
120	30	Staffs Potts	24	..	2.6	7.4	4.3
43	16	Stanley A. G.	41	..	2.5	6.0	4.9
33	11	Stag Furniture	33	..	5.0	10.0	5.0
33	11	Stanley A. G.	7	..	1.2	10.1	13.2
33	11	Stave Ind Radio	7	..	..	..	..
16	4	Staveley Ind	28	..	10.9	5.9	3.3
15	5	Steel Bros	38	..	..	..	..
35	8	Steetley Co	55	..	5.1b	6.6	4.4
30	12	Steinberg	11	..	1.2	11.0	4.4
35	14	Stephen J.	28	..	..	..	..
56	5	Stew'ts & Lloyds	43	..	2.9	5.6	4.9
31	13	Stirling H. Grp	38	−1	3.1b	5.6	4.6
35	11	Stocklake Hldgs	31	..	4.3	8.7	5.2
40	10	Stocksl. & Sut	28	..	1.1	5.3	5.1
49	26	Stone Platt	51	−1	4.2b	8.3	5.9
120	57	Storey Bros	24	..	4.5	5.5	8.4
122	27	Stothert & Pitt	45	..	4.5	11.1	19.2
39	35	Strong & Fisher	35	..	3.7	8.5	7.6
24	13½	Stylo Shoes	19	..	..	..	..
27	4½	Sumner F.	14	..	6.5	13.0	3.0
27	5	Sunbeam W'sey	26	..	..	..	..
35	23½	Sutcliffe S'man	39	..	3.7	9.0	3.3
35	45½	Swan Hunter	54½	−½	4.4	11.9	8.8

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64	28	TPT	43	..	4.3	10.2	3.4
500	400	Takeda 'Bdr'	500	..	12.0	2.4	58.5
33	15	Tarmac Ltd	33	..	3.0	9.0	9.0
286	66	Tate & Lyle	246	..	15.1	6.6	5.6
216	60	Taylor Pallis	56	..	2.1	10.9	5.5
73	30	Taylor Woodrow	322	..	5.0	1.4	24.3
70	30	Telefusion	24	..	1.5	6.2	7.1
42	13	Do A	20	..	1.5	6.5	7.1
51	36	Telephone Rent	102	..	6.7	6.5	18.0
52	18	Tesco	41½	−1	1.9a	4.4	13.7
42	18	Textured Jersey	21	..	2.3	11.1	9.2
42	15	Thermal Synd	53	..	3.6	10.3	4.1
91	32	Thomson Org	133	..	6.1	5.0	..
150	35	Thorn Electric	226	..	2.5	4.2	9.2
250	105	Do A	192	..	8.2	4.2	9.3
46	15	Thurgar Bardex	4	..	..	..	..
240	82	Tilbury Cont	226	+2	23.5	10.4	4.9
44	32	Tilling T.	50	−1	5.0b	6.3	4.8
14	6	Time Products	40	−1	4.0b	6.3	4.3
40½	8	Titaghur Jute	8	..	..	..	..
48	9	Tobacco Sec Tst	9	..	..	..	..
285	120	Do Dfd	245	−2	16.8b	7.5	10.1
690	470	Do Dfd	510	..	53.7	6.8	18.7
14½	5	Tomkins F. H.	12½	..	1.3	8.1	3.2
42½	24½	Tootal	41½	+2½	3.1	7.5	5.3
33	10	Toye	24	−1	1.9	8.0	4.9
11	13	Tozer Kemsley	22	..	3.2	7.8	15.5
120	45	Trafalgar H Inv	103	+2	4.2	4.1	8.6
44	12	Trafford Cpets	18	..	2.5	13.9	..
22	7½	Trans Paper	40	+1	5.6	14.1	3.9
96	21	Transport Dev	51	..	4.1	8.1	9.4
37½	8½	Transwood Grp	13	..	2.6	19.2	3.2
111	34	Travis & Arnold	104	+4	4.2	4.1	6.5
38	10½	Tricoville	24	..	1.1	7.8	3.9
57	18	Trident TV 'A'	48	..	3.0	10.5	7.8
24	9	Triplex Found	47	..	4.6	9.8	3.7
295	125	Trust Hse Forte	114	..	11.3	9.9	23.4
156	50	Tube Invest	296	+6	16.8	5.7	6.7
48	11	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	150	+9	12.9	7.2	10.1
151	41	Turner Curzon	8¾	..	1.1	13.1	5.0
38	41	Turner Newall	148	+4	11.6	8.0	9.6
59	23	Turner Mfg	77	+1	4.6	5.1	9.8
35	13	Turriff	53	..	3.3	7.0	24.4
100	20	UBM Grp	72	+2	6.5	9.4	11.3
35	12	UDS Grp	84	..	7.4	8.8	9.0
112	34½	UK Optical	106	..	6.5b	6.1	25.5
37	4	U C Textiles	5	..	1.1	22.0	1.9
40	32½	Unicorn Ind	53½	−1	6.4	10.1	7.5
95	23	Unigate	74	+1	3.9	7.3	9.9
425	151	Unilever	404	+2	19.1	4.8	9.7
24	9½	Do NV	£22½	..	88.0	3.8	12.3
104	30	Unitech	90	−4	9.4	10.4	5.6
113	35½	Utd Biscuit	104	..	4.4	4.2	12.3
38	14	Utd City Merc	26	..	1.7	6.5	4.8
37	7	Utd Eng	13	..	2.5	12.1	9.4
27	10½	Utd Gas Ind	29½	..	0.3	9.9	13.7
19½	4	Utd Ind	9¾	..	..	..	..
308	94	Utd News	233	..	17.2	7.4	5.7
85	19	Utd Scientific	63	..	4.0	6.3	14.7
77½	5	Venesta	9	..	..	..	0.4
298	120	Vareengning Ref	260	+20	76.4	29.4	4.6
79	11	Vecto	£23	..	..	..	44.7
108	37	Vibroplant	102	..	12.2	11.9	..
162	64	Vickers	146	−1	11.7	8.0	6.2
42	9	Vita-Tex	25	−4	3.4	13.5	7.6
206	30	Vosper	59	..	5.8b	9.8	8.4
41	13	W Ribbons	22	..	2.0	10.7	8.1
30	24	WGI	66	..	4.4	6.6	4.4
95	34	Wade Potteries	48	..	1.5	6.8	5.6
30	22	Wadkin	67	..	6.8	10.2	4.0
101	36	Wagon Ind	87	−2	8.8	10.1	2.8
26½	6	Walker & Homer	18	..	2.8	10.1	3.7
119	54	Walker C & W	86	..	4.3a	4.9	5.9
63	24	Walker J. Gold	42	..	2.7	6.5	4.9
55	20	Do NV	37	..	2.7	7.3	4.3
127	37	Walmsley Bury	55½	h	..e	..	19.1
180	35	Ward & Gold	81	..	6.9	8.5	7.4
64½	20½	Ward T. W.	60	+2	5.6	9.4	6.4
84	21	Waring & Gillow	77	+1	4.9	6.4	7.7
305½	32	Warren J.	65	..	..	..	..
43	13	Warrington T.	28	..	4.4	15.2	9.3
43	14½	Waterford Glass	24	−1	1.1b	4.6	9.2
70	24½	Watson & Philip	69	r +2	3.0	4.4	17.9
125	34	Watts Blake	106	+1	3.7	3.5	8.4
47½	23½	Wearwell	36	..	5.2	14.5	8.8
76	28½	Weir Grp	71	+1½	6.5b	9.1	15.7
34	13	Wellman Eng	32	..	2.8	8.7	8.5
47	23	Westbrick Pds	40	−1	3.6	9.4	8.8
69	29¾	Westland Air	54½	−2	4.0b	7.3	8.8
71	19	Weston Pharm	39½	+½	3.3	8.2	7.1
365	56	Weyburn Eng	365	+15	9.5b	2.6	21.7
38	10	Wharf Mill	27	..	1.9	7.0	6.8
11½	4½	Whatlings	8	..	0.6	8.0	6.8
173	64½	W'sheaf Dist	143	..	7.8b	5.4	12.3
68	19¾	Wh'lock Mar	55	..	..	..	..
131	25	Whessoe	41	−1	..e	..	3.2
17	6½	Wheway Watson	15	..	0.8	5.5	5.0
65	30	White Child	47	..	4.2a	9.0	7.8
107	40	Whitecroft	102	−2	7.5	7.4	5.2
51	27	Whiteley BSW	36	r	4.2	11.7	..
51	27	Whiteley BSW	37	..	4.2	11.4	6.3
65	30	Wholesale Fitt	67	..	6.6	9.9	5.2
280	40	Wigfall H.	162	+2	5.1	3.7	3.7
22	7	Wiggins Constr	14	..	1.9	13.7	11.0
116	77	Wilkins & Mit	42	+1	3.4	8.2	..
157	52	Wilkins'n Match	138	..	10.6	7.7	15.0
91	54	Do 10% Conv	£87	+1	1000	11.5	..
32	13½	Wms Hudson	15	..	0.3	1.0	..
34	18	Wms J. Cardiff	20	..	2.6	12.9	3.1
48	30	Wills G. & Sons	39	..	1.9	4.8	3.8
42	5½	Wilmot Breeden	31½	−1½	2.2	7.1	26.7
30	12	Wilson Bros	18	..	0.8	5.1	6.8
72½	15	Wimpey G	67	s +1	0.8	1.2	10.5
31	9	Winn Ind	23½	+½	3.3b	13.8	7.2
140	70	Winsor Newton	136	..	10.1	7.4	9.7
40	15	Witter T.	16	..	0.9	5.8	5.0
168	37	W'sley Hughes	108	+1	6.7	6.2	6.6
195	47	W'holm Brosse	117	−1	9.9b	8.4	6.1
21½	11	Wombwell Fdry	16	..	1.5	9.4	3.9
15	10½	Wood & Sons	13	..	0.8	5.8	7.5
78	35	Wood Bastow	54	..	5.3	9.9	6.7
40	23	Wood S. W.	31	..	4.9	15.8	4.0
21	1½	Wood W.	7½	..	..	..	..
97	25	Wood Hall Tst	85	..	6.1	7.1	8.5
95	43	Woodhead J.	89½	+1½	8.8	9.8	4.2
39½	14¾	W'dh'se Rixson	35	+½	3.0a	8.4	5.8
69	24	Woolworth	66	+1	6.1	9.2	16.7
50	21	Worth Bond	41	+1	5.0	12.2	4.0
35	13	Wrighton F.	21	+1	1.5	7.2	8.8
32	20	Wyatt W Hldgs	32	+1	3.9	12.2	7.4
163	78	Yarrow & Co	130	..	5.8	4.4	1.3
35	11	York Trailer	27	..	2.6	9.6	7.7
126½	16¾	Youghal C'pts	72	−3	7.5b	10.4	7.1
66	37	Young H. Hldgs	7	..	..	..	..
37	14	Zetters	18	..	1.5	8.1	4.2

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[illegible]	[illegible]	Bowring	[illegible]	..	3.2	4.6	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brentnall Beard	[illegible]	..	4.4	12.1	..
106	31	Britannic	[illegible]	..	20.9	7.2	..
164	39	Com Union	[illegible]	..	10.1	7.7	..
146	68	Eagle Star	[illegible]	..	7.7b	6.6	..
130	44	Equity & Law	[illegible]	..	7.6	4.2	..
226	30	Gen Accident	[illegible]	..	9.3	5.2	..
210	62	Guardian Royal	[illegible]	..	11.9b	6.2	..
206	84½	Halford Shead	[illegible]	b	6.4	2.9	18.1
130	46	Heath C. E.	[illegible]	..	4.4	3.4	23.3
150½	74	Hogg Robinson	[illegible]	..	5.7	3.4	12.9
149	30	Howden A.	[illegible]	..	3.7b	2.5	15.6
155½	56½	Legal & Gen	[illegible]	..	4.7b	..	..
137	53	Leslie & Godwin	[illegible]	..	5.0	5.0	13.4
137	53	London & Man	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
265	55	Matthews W'son	[illegible]	..	11.4	6.0	13.5
156	65	Minet Hldgs	[illegible]	..	7.6	3.2	19.2
156	63½	Pearl	[illegible]	..	14.9	6.6	..
224	87	Phoenix	[illegible]	..	13.5	5.1	..
130	40	Prov Life 'A'	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
130	40	Do A Br	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
130	40	Do B	130	..	..	..	..
130	40	Do B Br	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
141½	60	Prudential	[illegible]	..	7.6b	6.0	..
290	116	Refuge 'A'	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
199	45	Do B	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
350	128½	Royal	300	+4	20.6b	6.7	..
87	33	Sedg. Forbes	[illegible]	+4	12.0b	4.7	10.7
137	37	Stenhouse	[illegible]	..	4.5	5.0	9.4
450	207½	Sun Alliance	437	−1	24.9	5.6	..
98	31	Sun Life	97	..	4.7	4.2	..
186	75	Trade Indemn'ty	147	..	10.1	6.9	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
123	47	Aberdeen Trst	117	..	5.4	4.6	34.9
60	14½	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	65	..	..	..	..
37	7	Do Inc	32	..	4.5	16.3	4.9
203	86	Alliance Trust	198	−2	4.1	4.2	33.7
42½	15	Amer Trust	39½	..	2.1	5.7	24.9
192	82	Anglo-Amer Secs	91	..	3.3	3.6	30.7
35	19½	Anglo Int Inv	31	..	4.0	12.9	10.1
35	13	Do Ass	29	..	..	..	..
45	15	Anglo Scot	38	..	2.2	5.7	30.9
124	43	Ashdown Inv	110	..	4.6b	4.2	34.6
37	17½	ABC Regional	34	..	0.6	1.9	42.2
37	17	Atlantic Assets	32½	+½	0.6	1.9	..
47	17	Atlas Electric	42	..	1.9	2.9	24.0
45	18	Bankers Inv	45	+1	2.9b	6.1	22.0
51½	14	Berry Trust	48	..	1.0	2.1	55.0
242	108	Border & Stern	210	+1½	7.4	3.3	40.0
34	15	Brit Am & Gen	30½	+1½	1.9	5.2	25.1
57	16	Brit Assets Tst	48	..	2.2	4.7	31.2
35½	13	Brit Emp Sec	8½	..	0.6	9.6	13.3
143	48	Brit Invest	140	−2	5.2b	3.7	40.6
160½	55	Broadstone	160	..	4.6	4.0	34.5
72	30	Brunner	70	+1	3.8	5.2	28.1
56	22	Brycourt Inv	47	..	2.6	5.4	49.0
28½	12	CLRP Inv	26½	..	1.0	3.8	39.9
136	56	Cable Trust	130½	+1½	6.5	5.0	27.9
165	65	Caledonia Inv	165	..	10.6	6.3	20.2
95	30	Caledonian Tst	95	−2	2.9	3.3	49.0
35	14½	Do B	37	..	..	..	..
35	14	Cannon St	5½	f	2.0	35.6	..
100	42	Capital & Nat	97	..	5.0	5.2	..
98	41½	Do B	91	..	..	..	..
240	57	Cardinal 'Dfd'	237½	..	5.5	5.0	..
116½	47	Carlol Inv	110	..	3.9	3.5	40.3
59	22	Cedar Inv	54	−1	2.9	5.4	25.2
48	15	Charter Trust	43½	−1	1.3	3.1	37.8
67	26½	Clydesdale Inv	57	−1½	2.1	3.6	40.7
63	23	Do B	54	−1	..	..	..
25½	7½	Common Mkt	25¼	+¾	30.5	3.1	..
174½	55½	Cont & Ind	171	−1	6.5	4.0	36.8
18	9	Corporate Guar	14	f	..	..	..
29½	11	Crossfriars	35	..	3.7	6.6	25.4
36	14	Cumulus	26	..	1.1	4.4	66.7
79	23	Delta Inv	77½	..	..	..	..
140	40	Derby Tst 'Inc'	136	−3	15.2	11.2	15.0
137	40	Do Cap	105	−3	..	..	..
131	32	Drayton Com	114	..	5.2	4.5	31.2
140	32	Drayton Cons	131	−1	5.8	4.4	35.1
183	46½	Do Premier	176	−3	7.7	4.4	31.4
32	19½	Dundee & Ldn	49	..	3.6b	3.3	27.3
63	18	E & W Inv	59½	..	1.5	2.7	43.8
123½	49½	Edin & Dundee	123	−2	4.2b	3.4	..
206	79	Edinburgh Inv	179	..	7.5	4.2	35.1
70	24	Elec & Gen	59½	+½	1.5	2.5	66.1
77½	29	Embankment	67	..	3.0	4.5	30.0
83	21	Eng & Caldon'n	63	−2	3.2	5.1	29.7
85	30	Eng & N Y	85	..	4.9b	5.8	24.9
67½	25	Eng & N York	65	..	3.7	4.1	33.5
240	63	Eng & Scottish	125	−2	3.0	4.8	33.3
40	15	Do B	118	..	0.3	0.2	..
277	35½	Estate Duties	276	..	10.8b	3.9	36.3
265	185	Estates House	232	..	3.1b	1.3	..
53	29	First Scot Am	77	−1	3.4	4.4	33.5
145	55	Foreign & Colnl	137	−2	3.7	2.7	48.1
116	39	Gt Japan Inv	94	..	0.8	0.6	..
117½	41	Gen Funds 'Ord'	113½	−1	5.5	4.8	58.2
95	30	Do Conv	82½	..	..	..	..
90	34	Gen Inv & Tsts	83	..	4.3b	5.1	26.3
73	24	Gen Scottish	67	..	4.0	6.0	24.4
90	35	Glenderon	67½	..	2.0	3.0	34.1
95	36	Globe Trust	85	−1	4.2	4.9	26.2
65½	25	Grange Trust	59½	..	2.3	3.9	35.9
91	32	Great Northern	84	−1	4.8	5.7	23.7
80	22	Greenfriar	62½	..	1.4	2.3	67.2
103	33	Gresham Hse	30	..	4.6	15.4	..
66½	25	Guardian	66	−1	2.7	4.1	36.1
94	40	Hambros 'A'	72½	..	5.5	8.0	30.5
96	31	Do B	32	..	..	..	..
20	1½	Hammerfest	3¾	..	..	..	11.0
47	14	Harcros	32	..	2.2	6.7	20.8
138	43	Hill P. Inv	133½	+½	7.7	5.8	25.2
63	24½	Hume Hldgs 'A'	47	..	4.3	9.0	67.8
63	34	Do B	47	−½	..	..	..
44	15¾	Indus & General	41	+1½	1.8	4.3	30.8
60	26	Internat Inv	59½	+½	2.8	4.7	27.9
114½	37	Invest in Suc	101½	..	3.2	3.3	44.5
178	73	Inv Tst Corp	167	−1	7.0	4.2	33.2
68½	23	Inv Cap Trst	65½	+1½	1.5b	2.4	51.0
134	35	Jardine Japan	116	..	0.6	0.6	..
122	38	Jersey Ext	106	..	..	..	..
63	20	Joseph L.	42½	..	1.8	4.2	30.8
33	24	Kellock Conv	24	..	..	..	..
35	31	Lake View Inv	73	..	2.3	3.2	45.6
87	36	Law Deb Corp	78	..	5.4	7.0	..
90	37	Ldn & Holyrood	88	−1	3.9b	4.5	34.5
150	62	Ldn & Montrose	148	..	6.2b	4.2	35.2
92	35	Ldn & Prov Tst	89	..	3.7	4.2	36.5
75	30	Ldn Elec & Gen	70	..	3.5	4.9	24.3
88	45	Ldn Intercont	45	f	..	..	..
59½	11	Ldn Merch Sec	29½	−1	1.0	3.6	..
59½	11	Do Cap	28	−1	..	..	..
48	19	Ldn Pru Invest	48	..	2.9	6.1	22.9
116	47	Ldn Scot Amer	111	−1	5.0	4.5	27.9
148	57½	Ldn Trust	143	..	7.7b	5.4	26.5
49	18	Mercantile Inv	31½	−1½	2.5b	7.9	21.0
63	26	Merchants Trust	57½	..	2.8	4.8	28.8
45	16½	Monks Inv	42	+1	1.7	3.9	35.6
73½	34	New Court Euro	51	..	2.8	5.6	14.0
22	5	New Thrmg 'Inc'	12½	..	2.4	19.6	7.5
154	12	Do Cap	50	+2	..	..	..
99	38½	North Atlantic	86	..	2.9	3.4	40.0
85	29	Northern Amer	79	−3	3.5	4.5	35.4
89	33	Northern Sec	90	..	3.3	4.7	32.0
46	19	Oil & Associated	42½	+½	2.5	6.0	23.2
95	34½	Pentland	91	..	4.1	4.5	32.0
92½	70	Progressive Sec	84½	..	3.5	4.2	29.6
105	14	Prop Inv & Fin	95	..	..	..	..
114	42	Raeburn	111	+9	4.6	4.2	37.9
114	49	River & Merc	141	+1	9.2	6.5	..
117	45	River Plate	111	..	6.5	5.8	..
80	28	Romney Trust	76	−2	3.2	4.3	34.1
424	237	Rothschild	293	+3	14.7	5.0	21.4
54	26	Safeguard	47	..	4.3	9.2	15.9
51	31	Scot Amer	39½	−1½	2.7	4.5	..
69	30½	Scot&Cont'Inv	54	..	1.5	2.9	50.1
51	14½	Scot & Merc 'A'	37	−1	3.8	10.3	13.1
117½	45	Scot Eastern	113½	+1	4.5	3.9	34.9
63	27	Scot European	42½	..	1.7	4.0	34.0
94	35	Scot Invest	87½	+½	3.3	3.6	39.2
206	40	Scot Mortgage	99	−1	3.5	3.6	39.9
126	47½	Scot National	125	−1	4.2	3.4	41.3
94	35	Scot Northern	77	+½	3.6	4.6	30.9
86½	26½	Scot United	80½	−2	2.2b	3.8	30.9
85	32	Scot Western	76	−1½	2.5	3.3	40.4
81	30½	Do B	70	+½	..	..	..
168	69½	Sec Alliance	159½	+2	6.6b	4.0	38.7
182	55	Sec Brit Ass	138½	+½	2.3b	1.7	38.2
74	26	Sec Gt Northern	69	−2	2.3b	3.3	43.1
72	28	Do B	64½	..	..	..	..
49½	33	Sec Scot Inv	41½	−1	2.9	3.3	39.8
122	33	Standard Trust	116	−2	6.1	5.2	23.3
142	38	Sterling Trust	141	−3	5.9	4.2	34.0
82	31½	Stockholders	77	−1	2.2	2.9	48.4
85	30	Throg Sec 'Cap'	50	..	..	..	..
72	21	Throgmtn Trust	41	+1	5.5	13.4	10.4
57	26	Triplevest 'Inc'	51½	+½	5.8	11.2	14.3
130½	30	Do Cap	128	−2	..	..	..
113	42	Trustees Corp	108	−2	4.5	4.2	31.3
106	48	Tyneside Inv	105	..	3.9	3.7	42.9
212	89	Utd Brit Secs	205	−2	9.9b	4.8	31.4
84	31½	Utd States Deb	79	−2	3.7	4.6	29.1
157	59	Utd States Gen	133	−3	5.1	3.9	31.1
129	26	Viking Res	57	..	0.9	1.5	73.1
90	36	Whinsparken	27	f	..	..	..
159	62	W'bottom Trust	154	..	5.1b	3.3	39.3
78	33	Witan Inv	72	+2	2.3b	3.2	..
74	32	Do B	65	..	0.1	0.2	..
128	50	Yeoman Tst	125	−1	7.3b	5.8	28.8
30	16	Yorks & Lancs	17	..	1.6b	9.5	17.3
51	20	Young Co Inv	48	−1	4.0b	8.3	16.0

OIL

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
69¼	32½	Ampol Pet	40½	−1	2.9	[illegible]	..
58	33	Attock	56	..	..	..	..
35	34½	Berry Wiggins	34	..	..	..	..
335	66	Brit Borneo	225	..	..	..	..
395	192	BP	565	+2½	26.5	..	..
455	27	Burmah Oil	80	..	..	..	..
20	11¾	C F Petroles	£20	..	..	..	..
70	12	Oil Exploration	70	..	..	..	..
128¾	[illegible]	Premier Cons	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
30¾	[illegible]	Ranger Oil	£10¾	..	..	..	..
8¾	3¾	Reynolds Dv	4¾	..	..	..	..
35¾	14¾	Royal Dutch	£31½	..	[illegible]	..	..
366	170	Shell	372	..	23.7	..	..
158¾	13¾	Tricentrol	52	..	..	..	..
240	56	Ultramar	200	..	..	..	..

PROPERTY

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	24	Allied Ldn	74	−1	3.5	..	..
139	56	Allnatt Ldn	127	..	4.8	..	..
84	13	Amal Inv	17	+½	..	..	..
121	38	Apex Props	100	..	2.8	..	..
24	7	Aquis Secs	17	..	0.3	..	..
62	15	Argyle Secs	37	..	..	..	..
97	31	Artagen Props	67	−2	2.4	..	..
57	22	Beaumont Prop	21	..	4.0	..	..
67	22	Bellway Hldgs	32	−1	3.5	..	..
216	50	Berkeley Hmbro	45	..	3.0	..	..
148	50	Bilton Percy	136	..	6.2	..	..
144	49	Do Accum	130	..	6.2	..	..
126	56	Bradford Prop	122	−1	8.2	..	..
48¾	7	Brit Amanl	17	−1	..	..	..
121	6½	British Land	19	−1	..e	..	..
93¾	29¾	Brixton Estate	76	..	2.6	..	..
91	11	Cap & Counties	14	..	0.0	..	..
92	12	Centrovincial	34	..	..	..	..
91	12	Do Cap	33	..	..	..	..
203	66	Chesterfield	114	−1	4.6	..	..
77	6½	Chown Secs	8½	−1	..	..	..
209	45	Churchbury Est	132	..	5.2	..	..
58¾	28	City Offices	40	..	2.1	..	..
34	9¾	Country & New T	15½	..	1.0	..	..
62	14	County & Dist	37	+½	0.2	..	..
110	34	Daejan Hldgs	44	..	4.6	..	..
121½	17	Eng Prop	35	−½	3.3	..	..
25	10	Estates & Gen	14	..	..	..	..
92	23	Estates Prop	40	..	3.6	..	..
62	15	Evans of Leeds	45	..	3.0	..	..
26	6	Farms	26	..	0.4	..	..
30½	3	Fraternal Est	5	..	..	..	..
55	25	Glanfield Secs	35	..	11.3	..	..
258	67	Gt Portland	130	+4	5.0	..	..
43	12	Greee R	17½	+1	1.1	..	..
56	20	Guildhall	56	..	3.3b	..	..
470	128	Hammerson	333	+7	7.9	..	..
470	125	Do A	330	+7	7.9	..	..
259	15	Haslemere Ests	133	−3	4.1a	..	..
74	22½	Intereuropean	25	−½	3.1	..	..
30	15	IPH	17	..	..	..	..
134	18	Land & House	79	..	3.6	..	..
255	55½	Land Secs	161	..	6.9	..	..
101¾	35	Law Land	63½	−¾	3.6b	..	..
112	28	Ldn & Prov Sh	70	..	2.4	..	..
32	5½	Ldn City & Wstclf	13½	+½	0.1e	..	..
58	25	Ldn Shop	55	..	4.6	..	..
110	37	Lynton Hldgs	58	−2	2.9b	..	..
209	53	MEPC	65	..	..e	..	..
28½	13	Marler Estates	17½	..	..	..	..
108	25	Marbrook	30	..	3.1	..	..
44	8	Midhurst Whites	8	..	..	..	..
233	100	Municipal	160	..	5.6	..	..
250	85	New London	239	h	7.4	..	..
85	16½	Peachey Prop	25	−1½	0.4e	..	..
200	76	Prop & Rever	113	..	5.0a	..	..
195	76	Do A	110	..	5.0a	..	..
240	90	Prop Hldgs	196	..	7.5	..	..
83¾	19	Prop Sec	36	..	2.7	..	..
24¾	7¾	Raglan Prop	8¾	..	..	..	..
110	33	Regional	42	..	7.5	..	..
104	25	Do A	40	..	7.5	..	..
80	13½	Samuel Props	22½	−½	..	..	..
85	31¾	Scot Met Props	34	..	2.9b	..	..
77½	25	Slough Ests	65	−2	2.9	..	..
158	52	Stock Conv	147	−2	2.2b	..	..
434	63	Sunley B.	143	..	5.9	..	..
56	6	Town & City	16	−1	0.0	..	..
84	9	Town & Com	14	+½	0.2	..	..
62	27	Trafford Park	48	..	4.6	..	..
42¾	6	UK Props	14	..	..	..	..
28	7½	Webb J.	14½	..	3.2a	..	..
84	10	W'mster & Cty	16½	+½	..	..	..
102	10	Wingate Inv	34	..	0.0	..	..
18½	2	Woodmill	2	..	..	..	..

RUBBER

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
43	25	Anglo-Indonesia	37½	..	3.9	10.3	..
73	45	Bradwall FMS	67	..	3.1	5.6	..
115	37	Castlefield	77	..	3.0	4.5	..
31¾	18	Chersonese	23	..	1.6	4.4	..
36	26	Cons Plant	32½	..	3.0	9.5	..
24	8½	Doranakande	9	..	1.4	15.1	..
73	36	Gadek	37	..	2.8	4.8	..
58	22	Golden Hope	45½	−½	3.8	8.7	..
8	4¾	Grand Central	6½	−½	0.5	11.5	..
345½	106¾	Guthrie Corp	142	−1	16.9	11.5	..
37½	24	Highlds & Low	36	−1	0.9	2.5	..
100	45	Hongkong	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
150	85	Killinghall	89	..	6.5	9.5	..
33¾	13¾	Kulim Malaysia	25	..	2.1	8.4	..
67½	26	Ldn Asiatic	42½	..	1.3	3.1	..
89½	30	Ldn Sumatra	80	..	1.7	..	..
37½	16½	Maledie	19	..	0.8	4.4	..
14½	9¼	Malayalam	9¾	..	2.1	6.8	..
91	39	Muar River	40	..	2.2	5.5	..
53	26	Patalling	40	..	1.3	3.2	..
30	27	Plant Hldgs	27½	+½	2.5	9.2	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£8¾	−¼	46.5	5.4	..

TEA

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
102	50	Assam Frontier	90	−8	11.0	12.2	..
54	28	Assam Inv	46	..	4.5	10.0	..
68	37	Camellia Inv	62	−5	2.2	3.5	..
58	20	Clairmace	50	..	9.2	18.4	..
32	12	Detndi	14	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahal	130	f	5.0	3.8	..
128	65	Jokai	112	..	11.0	9.8	..
150	48	McLeod Russel	125	..	9.8	7.8	..
103	80	Moran	103	..	9.8	9.5	..
31	23	Ourah Highlds	29	..	2.4	8.3	..
40¾	18½	Peatrock Estate	28½	−1½	4.2	14.7	..
28	18	Sthn India	23	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	15	..	..	..	..
100	58	Warren Tea	72	..	9.1	12.6	..
80	36	Williamson Hldgs	48	..	6.9	14.4	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12¾	5¾	Algoma Cen Rly	£10¼	−¼	34.0	3.3	..
20	5	Antofagasta	£12	..	..	..	..
45	12	Calcutta Elec	25	..	0.0	0.0	..
59	34	E Surrey W 7%	£40	..	700	17.5	..
35½	25½	Essex Wtr 5%	£32	..	500	15.6	..
202	48	Felixstowe Dock	134	h	10.8	8.1	..
395	118¾	Imp Cont Gas	370	−1	12.3b	3.3	..
430	110	LET Hldgs	118	h	3.1	2.6	..
35½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£32	..	500	15.6	..
132	36	Milford Docks	44	−6	..	..	..
163	58	Nigerian Elec	144	..	15.8	11.0	..
417	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	375	..	36.9	9.8	..
35½	26	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31½	..	500	15.9	..

SHIPPING

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
233	83	Brit & Comm	190	..	11.6	6.1	9.8
93	60	Fisher J.	83	..	3.6	4.3	4.4
230	103	Furness Withy	187	−6	9.9	5.2	4.2
310	70	Hunting Gibson	142	..	13.9a	9.8	4.6
42½	11	Jacobs J. I.	18½	+¼	..e	..	5.1
69½	17	Ldn & O'seas Fr	37	+¼	5.0	13.4	1.4
223	87	Manch Liners	225	..	7.7	3.4	6.2
140	50	Ocean Trans	130	..	9.8a	7.5	13.0
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	107	−1	8.1	7.5	..
121	63¾	Runciman W	117	r	10.4	8.9	5.2

MINES

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
530	250	Amal Colls	465	+15	25.1	5.0	..
538	248	Anglo Am Corp	375	+15	16.6	4.4	..
45½	20	Ang Am Gold	£27¾	+½	160	5.8	..
34	13¾	Anglo Am Inv	£29	−½	192	6.6	..
15	6	Anglo Transvl	£12¾	+¼	57.1	4.7	..
15	6	Do A	£12¾	+¼	57.1	4.7	..
166	77	Ayer Hitam	151	..	20.0	13.3	..
38	11	Beralt Tin	19	−1	2.7	14.9	..
135	43	Bishopsgate Pl	82	−2	3.4	4.1	..
10¾	5¾	Blyvoors	£6¾	−¼	63.5	10.1	..
269	42	Botswana RST	42	−2	..	..	..
369	160	Bracken Mines	188	+8	34.6	20.6	..
264	128	BH South	190	−10	..	..	..
22½	12½	Buffelsfontein	£12¾	..	114	9.0	..
221	83	Charter Cons	170	..	9.9	5.8	..
257	154	Cons Gold Fields	208	−6	10.3	5.0	..
40	6	Daggafontein	11	..	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	292	..	26.5	8.6	..
14½	5¾	Doornfontein	£6	+¼	70.2	11.7	..
29	7¾	Durban Rood	£13¾	+¼	23.3	3.0	..
105	33	East Dagga	33	..	13.7	47.3	..
12½	5	E Driefontein	£8¾	+¼	41.5	..	..
45	16	E Rand Cons	18	..	1.4	7.2	..
21	9¾	E. Rand Prop	£9¾	+½	34.3	4.3	..
435	190	Elsburg Gold	195	+5	59.6	..	..
18	11	Ex-Lands	16	−2	2.3	14.4	..
32¾	10¾	F S Geduld	£19¾	..	219	11.1	..
435	200	Geduld Inv	380	..	23.0	6.2	..
300	153	Geevor Tin	158	..	18.5	11.7	..
39½	14½	Gen Mining	£33	+½	139b	6.1	..
18	8	Gold & Base	8	−1	..	..	..
287	150	Gopeng Cons	180	..	18.5	10.3	..
95	23	Gt Boulder Gold	74	b −3	1.2	..	..
510	110	Grootvlei	120	+10	12.1	10.1	..
225	74	Hamersley	220	−5	..	..	..
167	50	Hampton Guld.	98	..	1.3	2.1	..
10¾	3¾	Harmony	£4	−¼	51.6	12.9	..
51	14¾	Hartebeest	£25¾	−½	128	5.0	..
27½	9	Jo'burg Cons	£22	−½	110	5.0	..
820	305	Kinross	395	+10	36.0	9.1	..
15½	6¾	Kloof	£6½	+½	35.1	5.4	..
232	62	Leslie	63	−1	..	..	..
17¼	5¾	Libanon	£9¾	−¼	70.3	13.1	..
105	100	Ldn Tin	158	−3	10.5	6.8	..
200	75	Lydenburg Plat	87	−3	1.4	1.7	..
244	94	MIM Hldgs	215	−5	6.1	2.8	..
150	62	MTD (Mangula)	78	−3	14.8	19.0	..
220	85	Malayan Tin	172	..	16.5	9.6	..
710	185	Marievale Con	180	..	27.1	15.0	..
380	190	Messina Trans	266	..	19.7	7.4	..
71	22	Metals Explor	34	..	..	..	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	150	Akroyd & Sm	180	..	19.2	10.7	4.8
77	12	Ang-Cont Inv	42	..	..	..	18.9
300	30	Assam Trdng 'B'	290	..	2.6	0.9	..
29	11	Boustead	23	..	1.7	7.8	7.3
21	5	Brit Debt Serv	11	..	..	..	..
110	30	BET Dfd	80	..	6.8	8.2	9.8
170	97	Challenge Corp	148	−2	7.0	4.7	12.3
55	7	Chancery Cons	21	..	0.7	3.4	9.1
23	7	Charterhse Grp	56	..	4.7	8.4	9.8
29¾	19	C Fin de Suez	£48¾	−1	..	..	..
270	92	Daily Mail Tst	172	−2	14.7	8.6	13.4
267	90	Do A	173	−2	14.7	8.6	12.4
268	63	Dalgety	208	−6	12.5	6.0	77.4
25	8	Dawnay Day	17	+½	0.8	4.5	..
24	4	Edin Ind Hldgs	8½	..	..	..	..
42	23	FC Finance	27	..	..e	..	..
48	11	Goode D & M Grp	20	..	1.2	5.9	7.1
68	22	Hoblyn 'A'	53	h +1	2.0b	3.8	12.7
427	153	Inchcape	345	+6	10.7	3.1	10.9
26	14	Investment Co	16	..	1.2	7.4	11.0
64	11	Jessel Secs	11	f	5.3	47.7	1.3
42	8	Do Dfd	8	f	..	..	..
33	13	Kwahu Co	21	..	2.3b	11.0	8.4
80	31	Lloyds & Scot	70	+1	4.6	6.6	14.2
76	16	Ldn & Euro Grp	49	..	2.4	4.9	..
36	7½	Ldn Aust & Gen	19	h	..	..	8.6
87	31½	Ldn Utd Inv	59	..	5.3b	9.6	11.4
43	20	Manson Fin	27	..	5.2	19.1	6.0
80	20	Martin R. P.	50	..	9.1	10.5	3.7
14½	14½	Moorgate Merc	14½	f	1.4	9.5	6.9
32	12	NMC Invest	19	..	2.0	10.5	12.2
124	22	Prov Fin Grp	76	−2	6.1b	8.0	5.6
126	42	Sime Darby	101	..	2.0	2.0	22.9
60	15	Smith Bros	54	..	6.2	11.4	7.4
84	6	Tyndall O'seas	£7¾	..	45.4	6.4	..
44	10	Utd Dom Tst	13	−1	..	..	..
88	2	Vavasseur	3½	..	..	..	..
75	9	Wagon Fin	29	..	2.3e	8.0	11.2
36	17	Western Sel	37	..	1.6	4.3	6.3
48	19	Yule Catto	31½	..	1.7	5.4	12.9

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 02.12.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1964):—

	Index No.	Div Yield	Earnings Yield	Previous
	Latest			
The Times Industrial Share Index	152.31	6.39	11.16	[illegible]
Largest Coys	151.53	6.27	11.06	[illegible]
Smaller Coys	154.38	6.89	11.15	[illegible]
Capital Goods	159.24	6.94	11.38	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	173.65	6.35	10.95	[illegible]
Store Shares	131.02	6.66	7.18	[illegible]
Largest financial shares	155.51	5.21	—	[illegible]
Largest financial and industrial shares	158.06	6.07	—	[illegible]
Commodity shares	221.66	4.47	10.78	[illegible]
Gold Mining shares	442.22	7.62	10.89	[illegible]
Industrial debenture stocks	77.97	8.03*	—	[illegible]
Industrial preference stocks	50.03	14.78*	—	[illegible]
3½% War Loan	23¾	14.91*	—	[illegible]

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	193.47	(15.08.72)	60.18	[illegible]
1975	156.92	(19.11.75)	61.42	[illegible]
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.18	[illegible]
1973	193.32	(12.01.73)	106.58	[illegible]
1972	193.47	(15.08.72)	114.65	[illegible]
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	106.92	[illegible]
1970	145.78	(14.01.70)	110.76	[illegible]

* Flat interest yield.

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Pound closes firm despite $107m fall in November reserves to four-year low

By Melvyn Westlake

Sterling dropped to yet a new low on the foreign exchanges yesterday, just ahead of news that Britain's official monetary reserves had fallen in November to their lowest level for four years. But with the dollar also in retreat, the pound rallied later in the day to close almost unchanged from Monday night.

The currency markets appeared to shrug off the latest fall in the nation's official holdings of gold and foreign currencies, which dropped by $107m (£53m) in November to 5,606m (£2,775m), a level not seen since November, 1971, just before the dollar was itself devalued.

As a result of that devaluation the dollar value of the reserves was increased substantially.

Yet the fall in the reserves could have been even greater last month but for further large borrowings by public sector bodies, amounting to $176m. Thus the actual fall in November, excluding accruals from such borrowings, was $283m.

In spite of this the pound closed at $2.0205 against the American currency to show a net loss of only 5 points. Currency dealers were mixed in the assessment of whether the Bank of England had stepped in to support the exchange rate.

But with or without official help it climbed back firmly from an early level of $2.0155. Against European currencies, too, the pound's performance was weak.

As a result its "floating devaluation" (against 10 major currencies) reached an unprecedented level of 30.3 per cent, although by the end of trading this has been reduced to 30.2 per cent, almost unchanged compared with Monday.

The fall in the reserves was greater than might be accounted for simply by the continuing overseas trade deficit, which has been the main drain on reserves.

It would thus appear that capital may have been flowing out of London during November.

During the first four months of 1975 the reserves rose steadily, but this trend has been reversed since the early summer, and since November, 1974, they have fallen by more than 28 per cent.

Viewed in this light, Britain's application for a loan from the International Monetary Fund becomes rather more urgent, though it will not be until early next year that this drawing will become available. In the meantime, the second $400m tranche of the Iranian loan arranged last year is likely to be the only important prop to the sagging reserves.

It is not official policy to reveal the other various public sector borrowings that take place. But it is known that the Coal Board has recently borrowed $25m from the European Coal and Steel Community and that the British Steel Corporation borrowed about $36m from the ECSC.

In addition, the National Water Council has received $15m from the European Investment Bank. These three loans appear to have helped the reserves last month.

The November drop in reserves gave rise to some speculation that the Bank of England may have been defending the pound more positively in recent weeks than was hitherto believed.

But it remains official policy that the pound should be allowed to float freely in spite of the agreement at the Rambouillet summit meeting that there should be more central bank intervention.

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves at the end of the month issued by the Treasury yesterday:

	$m	£m	Change in month $m
1971	6,582	2,526*	
1972	5,648	2,404	
1973	6,476	2,787	
1974	6,789	2,890	
Nov	7,824	3,384	+277
Dec	6,789	2,890	−1,035
1975			
Jan	6,833	2,870	+44
Feb	7,064	2,908	+231
March	7,117	2,962	+53
April	7,132	3,032	+15
May	6,491	2,802	−641
June	6,198	2,837	−293
July	6,259	2,909	+61
Aug	6,004	2,845	−255
Sept	5,859	2,867	−145
Oct	5,713	2,749	−146
Nov	5,606	2,775	−107

*Sterling figures from 1971 to May 1972 valued at the Smithsonian parity rate of $2.60571, and from June 1972 at the closing rate on the last day of the period. Gold and SDRs valued at their dollar par at the time.

Esso rises rekindle fuel price war

By Roger Vielvoye

Esso Petroleum last night extended the petrol price war into the complex markets for domestic central heating oil and industrial fuel supplies.

The company is the second largest supplier in the country behind Shell. Yesterday it announced petrol and other product price rises substantially different from those announced on Monday by Shell and British Petroleum.

Another major supplier, Mobil also disclosed yesterday a new pricing schedule that falls between the extremes of Shell and Esso, adding further to the confusion in the market.

The upshot of Esso's action is certain to be savage competition for business in the central heating and industrial fuel markets. Industry sources said Esso's decision to undercut some light fuel oil prices by 0.80 a gallon was "a declaration of war".

Esso's new prices for heavy and medium fuel oils—up 3p a gallon compared with the 3.40 to 3.80 a gallon announced by Shell and BP—is a clear attempt to increase its share in this vital section of the market.

Demand for heavy fuel oils has been substantially reduced by the Central Electricity Generating Board's decision to replace about seven million tons of oil with coal during the current period, when overall demand for electricity is about 15 per cent below forecast.

Esso has also undercut the Shell/BP prices for domestic central heating oils. Regular grade paraffin, used in small domestic heating boilers, has gone up by 5p a gallon compared with Shell/PB's 6.50p a gallon increase. And all grades of gas oil, the fuel for larger heating installations, rise by 5p against Shell and BP's 6.50p increase.

Esso's price cutting in the central heating and fuel oil markets has been made possible by increases in petrol prices that are higher than those of Shell and BP.

Shell/BP announced a 2.80p a gallon rise in all grades of petrol which, with VAT, adds 3.50p to the pump price. Esso has opted to increase the price of two, three and four star petrol by 2.85p which with VAT is 3.55p. Unless dealers wish to cut their margins, the price of Esso petrol must go up by 4p a gallon. Esso has also increased the price of five star petrol, including VAT by 3.75p

Mrs Shirley Williams, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has asked the National Consumer Council to inquire into the effect of energy prices on the budgets of low-income households.

Farmers hit: The latest increases in oil prices would cost farmers a total of £25m a year.

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Mr Richard Butler, deputy president of the National Farmers' Union, said yesterday.

French Chrysler president denies marketing prejudice against UK

By Edward Townsend and Maurice Corina

Mr John W. Day, the American president of Chrysler France, has strongly criticized Chrysler UK for "greatly hampering" efforts to sell more British-built cars in important European markets.

In a letter just received by Mr Gilbert Hunt, chairman of Chrysler UK, the French car chief alleges that there has been "irregular supply, failure to respect export order programmes, and onerous price increases".

Rejecting suggestions that the Chrysler France sales organization has been prejudiced against its British associate's vehicles, Mr Day states that the Continental management of Chrysler is "enthusiastic to increase United Kingdom car sales for which real opportunity exists".

The future role of Chrysler France, which has up to now been silent about its attitude, is a vital factor in the Government's secret negotiations with the parent Chrysler Corporation of America over its threat to withdraw support for its British subsidiary.

Yesterday Mr John Riccardo, chairman of the American parent, was in Paris. He returns for more Whitehall talks this week before the promised government statement on Chrysler UK's future.

Mr Day, also a director of Chrysler International SA, has been stung into writing to Mr Hunt after allegations levelled by a Belgian dealer, M Maurice Laruelle, who sells British Chrysler cars, that he was under pressure to sell more French-made cars (seven Simca models for every British car).

The letter to Mr Hunt says: "It is quite wrong to say that our marketing policy in Belgium, or indeed anywhere else in the area of responsibility of Chrysler France, is inimical to the commercial interests of Chrysler UK cars while conferring artificial advantage upon Simca cars."

Simca had built up a strong position in Belgium, but the desire was to honour group responsibilities. There the market for Avenger-type cars was about 17 per cent while Simca types represented some 18 per cent. It was clear a market opportunity existed for both.

In building up a unified French/British dealer network, which Mr Day describes as "a very positive benefit" to British car sales, favouritism towards one or other model and consequential poor sales performance had been discouraged.

It was specifically arranged that each dealer would have a wholly separate annual sales quota for British and French cars. The performance of a dealer was viewed entirely independently for the purpose of performance bonus payment. Consequently, poor sales performance in British cars could not be offset by good sales performance in French cars, and vice versa.

"It is completely untrue for anyone to claim that M Laruelle or anyone else has been pressed to sell French and United Kingdom cars in a fixed ratio, be it seven to one or anything else," writes Mr Day.

In M Laruelle's case, it had been pointed out that with a national average penetration of seven to one (Simca to Chrysler United Kingdom's Sunbeam) there was great development scope for Sunbeam and immediate sales opportunity from Simca.

It was indeed remarkable that this elementary point was not grasped. The Belgian dealer chose to reject group franchise, stating that in no circumstances would he sell Simca cars, baffling Chrysler Belgium who felt obliged to terminate M Laruelle's dealer agreement from December 31.

Mr Day then concludes by taking the opportunity to place on record before Mr Hunt that Chrysler is presently engaged in extraordinary British car sales programmes in various parts of Europe. "We have unfortunately been greatly hampered in our efforts due to irregular supply, failure to respect export order programmes, and onerous price increases."

While Mr Riccardo was in Paris yesterday reviewing European strategy, Mr Varley continued his preparations for their next, probably decisive, meeting. The Secretary of State for Industry has cancelled a visit to Rolls-Royce at Derby on Friday.

It has also emerged that he has been talking to the managements of Ford and Vauxhall, as well as British Leyland, to assist him in handling the Chrysler issue, expected to be discussed at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

Yesterday it was announced that joint shop stewards at the Chrysler UK engine and transmission factory at Stoke and Coventry had voted unanimously to stage a workers sit-in if the American parent withdrew from Britain.

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New ruling on pension schemes for employees

By Margaret Stone

In future, all employers running occupational pension schemes will be obliged to discuss with employees the implications of the Social Security Pensions Act, before deciding whether to contract in or out of the new state earnings-related pension scheme embodied in the Act.

The first regulation under the Act was published yesterday, making it obligatory for employers to allow at least three months for consultation with their workers before deciding on the future course for the company pension plan.

The choice before employers once the state pension scheme comes into operation in April, 1978, is whether to let the state pick up the bill for the second-tier, earnings-related pensions or to contract out.

The latter course means that the company provides the earnings-related element of the pension in return for reduced contributions to the state scheme.

It is the first time that there has been an obligation imposed upon employers to discuss such matters as pensions with their relevant unions.

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The move is to be seen as part of the Government's policy of pursuing worker participation by bringing employees into the pensions debate.

The Government supports the view that pensions should be regarded as deferred pay and hopes that any rearrangement of company pension schemes to comply with the contracting out requirements will become part of the collective bargaining process.

It appears likely that pension negotiations with companies offering benefits below the approved standards will become more prominent.

Improvements to bring such pension schemes up to the required level fall outside the restrictions of the present pay policy and therefore could become an important bargaining counter.

Final decision on the future of a company pension scheme will continue in the hands of the employer. However, the new regulations do provide that if there is a dispute the matter may be referred to an industrial tribunal.

The most anxiously awaited regulation, governing the rates of premiums to be paid, however, is unlikely to appear before late February.

Fed 'unaffected by French pact'

From Frank Vogl
New York, Dec 2

The New York Federal Reserve Bank, which conducts all official United States domestic and foreign money market operations, see no changes taking place in the way it operates in the foreign exchange markets as a result of the new foreign exchange agreement between France and the United States reached at the Rambouillet economic summit meeting.

Mr Alan Holmes, the Fed's executive vice-president for foreign operations and domestic United States open market matters, said at a press conference here that for all practical purposes the new agreement would not change the way the Fed operated. "We will continue as before", he said.

Mr Holmes said the agreement was extremely important from a wide political and economic viewpoint, but the Fed had always cooperated closely with foreign central banks with the aim of maintaining orderly markets, and it would continue to do so.

Some improvements might be made in due course in the way in which the Fed conferred with foreign central banks, but these would result from market changes and not as a product of the new agreement with France.

Mr Holmes admitted that it was difficult to distinguish between a change in a currency rate which was the result of a fundamental economic factor and a change which could be described as an erratic movement.

Mr Scott Pardee, a Fed vice-president responsible under Mr Holmes for foreign exchange operations said that gross intervention in the markets, both buying and selling of currencies, by all central banks had totalled $11,000m (about £5,490m) in the three months to the end of October.

Much of this intervention appeared to have been caused by market unrest as a result of the New York City situation.

Martell goes public after 260 years

By Adrienne Gleeson

Cognac distillers J & F Martell are going public after 260 years as a family concern. A 25 per cent stake in the company, which is the market leader in cognac in Europe is to be introduced on the Paris Bourse on December 16. The minimum price has been pitched at 480 francs per share, valuing the company at around £40m.

The introduction is being made partly in order to facilitate the company's attempts to use future takeover opportunities, but principally to forestall problems which could develop now that the three shareholders of 44 years ago are to increase to over 40 by the proliferation of the family. It is not, however, any part of the family's intention to relinquish control of the company.

At the minimum price the offer for sale will raise just under £10m, which goes to the existing shareholders. There is a possibility that the group will attempt to raise money from the market at some point within the next five years.

Crucial meeting today in Leyland dispute

By R. W. Shakespeare

More than 6,500 British Leyland workers were laid off yesterday, production of three different car ranges was at a standstill and two other assembly lines were badly disrupted because of a strike by seven men in one of the company's key component plants.

This fresh crisis in Britain's struggling motor industry could become considerably worse unless the strikers decide to call off their stoppage when they meet today. The seven men are internal truck drivers from the Leyland-owned factory of Oxford Radiators, which makes both radiators and petrol tanks for several car ranges.

Because of their strike in support of a demand for job reclassification which would involve a wage increase, 500 other workers at Oxford Radiators have been laid off, halting production and supplies of vital components have run out at some of the largest assembly plants.

At Longbridge, Birmingham, where output of Mini and Allegro cars is stopped, 5,000 of the 10,000 manual workers are laid off. At Cowley, Oxford, another 500 are laid off, production of the Princess models halted and Maxi output disrupted.

Yesterday another 550 workers were sent home from Leyland's MG car plant at Abingdon in Berkshire, because of component shortages.

Today's meeting of the strikers is a crucial one. On Monday they decided to stay out. Yesterday management officials met local officers from the Transport and General Workers' Union to discuss the unofficial dispute. The drivers on strike have been told by the company that their regrading demand cannot be considered in isolation and that in any case the Government's pay policy rules out any increase in the circumstances.

Unless today's meeting brings a settlement, many thousands more workers in Leyland plants could be laid off before the end of the week.

Setback for NUBE hopes for union merger

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Protracted merger talks to try to establish a single union for banking staffs appear finally to have broken down. There seems little likelihood now of an early end to the bitter rivalry between the National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) and the staff associations of Lloyds, Barclays and National Westminster.

Mr Leif Mills, general secretary of NUBE, said after the latest meeting with the staff associations yesterday. "We have written off the idea of creating the envisaged association of banking and finance unions. We do not like the staff associations' ideas."

The main point at issue is whether the proposed association would be the central power or whether, as the staff associations believe, it should be constituted by independent staff unions from each bank.

British Rail gives warning on cash for APT project

Derek Harris

British Rail, whose spending plans have been trimmed extensively by the Government, now wants more cash to put into its advanced passenger train (APT) project.

It argues that substantial overseas orders for such trains, which can use existing tracks throughout the world yet offers much higher speeds with increased comfort, would almost certainly be lost unless more cash was forthcoming.

This warning was given yesterday by Dr Sydney Jones, chairman of British Rail's research and development board and a main board member.

He said British Rail needed more money, "running into tens of millions", to conduct and put APT trains into passenger service—mainly to prove its reliability.

Dr Jones was speaking before he and four other members of the APT development team received in London yesterday a half-share in the £25,000 annual MacRobert award for engineering innovation from the Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Council of Engineering Institutions.

Mr Richard Marsh, British Rail's chairman, said Britain was ahead of the rest of the world, including Japan, in rail technology. There was great enthusiasm abroad for the BR developments, but, ironically, not apparently in Britain itself.

The other half of the MacRobert award went to a team from Westland Helicopters for their work on a new rotor system and innovatory gearing incorporated in Lynx helicopters. The Westland team was led by Mr John Speechley.

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Stricter fire rules for gas platforms

By Our Energy Correspondent

Owners of 22 gas production platforms in the southern part of the North Sea have been told to improve fire protection facilities by next August.

Platforms that have failed to meet the Government's new stringent fire regulations for offshore installations are the older structures with wooden decks and accommodation.

Wooden areas will have to be replaced with non-combustible materials and galleys will have to be lined with special fire-proof materials. In addition, a number of the rigs will have to install extra escape doors.

Platform owners will also be required to issue their crews with fuller fire fighting instructions and to ensure that men with fire fighting training are always on board.

Geneva bank's repayment offer

The International Credit Bank has proposed to a Geneva court, which is investigating its affairs after a year's moratorium on payments, that it repays all investors with deposits of less than 5,000 Swiss francs (about £920) in full, a bank spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said that small investors represented 61 per cent of all accounts in the bank, which closed just over a year ago. For other depositors, the bank has proposed repayment of 5,000 Swiss francs immediately or 17 per cent of their holdings.

The bank's assets have been put at 243m francs and its liabilities at 588m francs. Creditors would have one month to challenge the proposals, but the court is not expected to make any decision on the plan before next month, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

ICFC boosts profits of Finance For Industry

By Desmond Quigley

Finance For Industry, the vehicle for providing medium-term loans for industry, made a striking improvement in the first half of the year after its reorganization earlier this year.

The improvement for the six months to the end of September has been more than faithfully mirrored by its venture capital arm, Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation.

This indicates that the rest of FFI, embracing the medium-term lending Finance Corporation for Industry, have fared less spectacularly.

FFI's total profit increased from £15.1m to £26.1m before interest and provisions, with ICFC contributing £12.59m, against £10.47m. Provisions were halved from £5.25 to £2.61m, while ICFC managed a larger reduction from £5.06m to £1.85m.

Meanwhile, interest charges jumped strongly from £11.2m to £20.3m, which reflected the growth in lending since ICFC's charges remained static at £7.97m.

At the pre-tax profits level there was a total turn-round of £4.56m with a loss of £1.34m turning into a profit of £3.22m. With sharply lower provisions and maintained interest charges ICFC produced a profit of £2.78m against a loss of £2.58m.

FFI is owned by the English and Scottish clearing banks and the Bank of England. Various City institutions have agreed to put up a total of £1,000m for lending to industry

Montedison signs Soviet deal

From John Earle
Rome, Dec 2

Montedison today announced the signing in Moscow of a contract for its subsidiary Technimont to build a plant in the Soviet Union with an annual capacity of 100,000 tons of polypropylene for fibres, film and plastic goods.

The plant, representing the first stage in a petrochemicals complex, will be located in Siberia.

The value of the contract is understood to be between $100-$130m (about £48m-£61m).

Wilson pledge on Innocenti closure

Rome, Dec 2.—Mr Harold Wilson promised Signor Aldo Moro, the Italian prime minister, a statement fully explaining the British Leyland decision to close its Italian subsidiary, informed sources said today.

Mr Wilson gave the undertaking during a dinner at the Quirinale presidential palace, the sources said.

Signor Moro told Mr Wilson, who is in Rome for a two-day EEC summit meeting, that the Italian government regretted the Leyland decision to close its Leyland/Innocenti operation, which threw 4,500 men out of work.

Mr Wilson said the British Government did not interfere in the running of the company, even though it was nationalized, the sources added.—Reuter.
END

More short-time for Krupp ironworkers

Bochum, Dec 2.—Krupp AG will extend short-time working at its iron foundries here and in Rheinhausen until the end of December as orders have not improved, it was stated here.

Lord Ryder on Neddy

Lord Ryder, chairman of the National Enterprise Board has been appointed a member of the National Economic Development Council. He will attend today's meeting of the council in London.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 152.21 +1.36
The FT index: 366.6 +5.4

Rises

Ass Port Cement	6p to 182p	Plessey	3p to 80p
Aust & NZ	10p to 430p	Press W	2½p to 32p
Barclays Bk	8p to 298p	Royal	8p to 306p
BMI	8p to 234p	Raeburn	9p to 111p
Johnson Matt	10p to 317p	Vickers	5p to 146p
Judge Int	3p to 27p	Weyburn Eng	15p to 365p
Lloyds Bk	8p to 238p	Western Areas	10p to 300p

Falls

Ampol Pet	6p to 62½p	Hamersley	5p to 220p
Allen W. G.	2p to 30p	Milford Docks	6p to 44p
Bicc	3p to 119p	Mount Lyell	5p to 90p
BH South	10p to 190p	Schroders	10p to 390p
Chown Secs	3p to 61p	Spooner Ind	2p to 32p
Furness Withy	6p to 187p	Unitech	4p to 90p
Francis Parker	1p to 9p	UTD Dom Tst	1p to 13p

Equities moved up on selective buying by the institutions.
Gilt-edged securities had a quiet session.
Sterling lost 5 pts to $2.0205. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.2 per cent.

Gold rose $1.50 on ounce to $139.25.
SDR-$ 1.17253 on Tuesday, SDR-£ was 0.580949.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1141.4 (previous 1143.5).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	38.75	36.75
Belgium Fr	83.50	80.50
Canada $	2.08	2.03
Denmark Kr	12.60	12.20
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.80
France Fr	9.20	8.90
Germany DM	5.40	5.20
Greece Dr	81.00	76.00
Hongkong $	10.40	10.00
Italy Lr	1535.00	1480.00
Japan Yn	640.00	615.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.45	11.10
Portugal Esc	75.00	65.00
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.69
Spain Pes	123.75	118.25
Sweden Kr	9.10	8.80
Switzerland Fr	5.50	5.30
US $	2.06	2.01
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.50	38.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Monsanto Limited 5% Sterling/Dollar Convertible Guaranteed Loan Stock 1982/86

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME OF MONSANTO COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

(Dollars in millions, except per share)

	Three months ended Sept. 30, 1975	1974	Nine months ended Sept. 30, 1975	1974
Net Sales	$884.8	$956.7	$2,682.2	$2,717.1
Cost of Goods Sold	657.8	730.6	1,921.9	1,945.8
Marketing and Administrative Expenses	73.1	65.5	230.4	209.4
Technological Expenses	36.5	34.2	112.5	91.3
	767.4	830.3	2,264.8	2,246.5
Operating Income	117.4	126.4	417.4	470.6
Income Charges (Credits):				
Interest expense	17.4	12.1	39.7	32.0
Other—net	(9.2)	(16.1)	(26.6)	(53.7)
	8.2	(4.0)	13.1	(21.7)
Income Before Income Taxes	109.2	130.4	404.3	492.3
Provision for Income Taxes:				
Current	51.5	47.5	155.1	210.3
Deferred	1.6	8.1	21.6	4.7
	53.1	55.6	176.7	215.0
Net Income	$56.1	$74.8	$227.6	$277.3
Earnings per Common Share:				
Primary	$1.56	$2.10	$6.43	$7.96
Fully diluted	1.51	1.98	6.11	7.48

Slimma Group Limited

Main points from the Statement of the Chairman, Jessel Harrison, for the year to 30th June, 1975.

- Record Group trading profits before tax and before a special appropriation have been achieved at £258,000 compared with £823,000 last year.
- The Directors recommend a final dividend of 5.651% making 7.883% which is the maximum amount permitted under the present Counter Inflationary Rules.
- The dividend is covered 5.0 times compared with 4.4 times last year.
- Earnings per share have increased from 8.2p to 10p.
- New factory space, plant and machinery have been financed from the Group's own resources.
- This performance has been enhanced by a further improvement in our cash flow position, which gives additional strength to our overall financial position.
- After five months trading of the current year, sales are satisfactory with a healthy order book in all divisions.

Copies of the Annual Report and Chairman's Statement can be obtained from The Secretary, Slimma House, 13/14 Woodstock Street, London W1R 2PP.

Slimma Group

NEDO chief urges support for Chequers strategy

By Malcolm Brown

Sir Ronald McIntosh, director general of the National Economic Development Office, yesterday urged industrialists to back the Chequers initiative "however inadequate you may think it is".

There was a lot of scepticism about Chequers and this was understandable, said Sir Ronald, who was addressing the Council of Underground Machinery Manufacturers in Sheffield.

"But one can overdo the scepticism to the point where it becomes self-fulfilling."

The Chequers discussions on the Government's proposals for a new industrial strategy was only a start, what might be described as the beginning of the beginning, said Sir Ronald, but it represented a big advance on what was being said round the National Economic Development Council table earlier this year.

What was essential now was to keep up the momentum of the process begun at Chequers.

"The people who build platforms for the North Sea oilfields talk of a 'window' of six weeks or so in high summer when weather conditions are right for floating out the platform and erecting it on the sea bed—if you miss the 'window' you lose a year.

"In much the same way I believe that, as a country, we now have a 'window' which may for the next few months provide a unique opportunity for constructive action.

"We have a choice. We can take advantage of the 'window' to agree on the measures needed to stimulate investment in 1976, prevent bottlenecks arising in 1977 and lay the foundations for renewed growth

"Or we can fritter it away in doctrinal argument and preoccupation with short-term issues."

New Act will lead to 'land famine' soon

A warning that the Community Land Act and the associated Land Tax could lead to severe land famine by late 1977 was given yesterday by Mr Ian Dealandes, director of the House Builders Federation.

In the federation's annual report, published today, Mr Deslandes said that the HBF fears that, under the tax proposals, few people would willingly release land and that, because of scarce finance, local authorities would initially be slow in acquiring and making land avalable.

The short-term effect on house prces could be disastrous if such a land shortage coincided with strong economic recovery and accompanying demand for housing.

Kuwait takeover seen as model

Mr Abdel Muttaleb Al-Kazemi, the Kuwait oil minister, has predicted that the terms of Kuwait's takeover of foreign oil company interests would soon be followed by other *oil exporting states.*

Under an agreement announced on Monday the state took completel control of the Kuwait Oil Company in exchange for cash and guaranteed long-term oil supplies to British Petroleum and Gulf Oil.

Sindona link bankrupt

A Milan civil tribunal has declared the bankruptcy of Idera Business AC,–a Liechtenstein-based holding company which was part of the collapsed empire of the Italian financier, Signor Michele Sindona. The tribunal said that Idera owed 14,000m lire (some £10m).

Business economists gloomy on trade balance and inflation

By Tim Congdon

Business economists are expecting slow growth of output next year. In their view, the average level of output in 1976 will be lower than in 1974.

Gross domestic product should rise by 1.5 per cent between 1975 and 1976, according to the Society of Business Economists, which held its annual conference on the "The Economic Outlook for 1976" yesterday.

This figure is reached by analysing the results of 128 questionnaires sent round to business economists in industry and commerce. This will not compensate for the 2 per cent or more fall in output now expected in 1975.

Consumer expenditure is expected to fall, but only marginally, by less than 0.1 per cent. Gross fixed investment will fall by 0.5 per cent, although there will be a contrast between private investment, which will drop by 2.6 per cent, and public investment, which will rise by 2.5 per cent.

The economists remain pessimistic about inflation and the balance of payments. Consumer prices are predicted to rise by 14 per cent in 1976, while average earnings should go up by 15.3 per cent.

Most of the economists think that money supply growth next year will be between 10 and 15 per cent.

The current balance of payments will show a larger deficit in 1976 than in 1975, according to the economists. The deficit may amount to £2,322m next year—almost double the deficit in 1975.

A sharp rise in imports in current price terms is thought likely to be responsible for this enlargement of the deficit.

But the growth in import volume, at 3.5 per cent, is also expected to exceed the growth of export volume, at 1.2 per cent. On balance, therefore, external developments will exert a deflationary effect on the economy.

The economists are much more gloomy on unemployment than most official prognostications. Most of those questioned believed that unemployment at the tend of 1976 would be between 1,400,000 and 1,800,000.

Plea to save Hawker plant

By Arthur Reed

Shop stewards at the Hawker Siddeley factory at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, launched a campaign yesterday designed to keep the plant open after orders for the Trident airliner run out in 18 months.

HS Hatfield is to make 18 more Tridents for the airline of the Republic of China, but work on the aircraft in some departments is already finished.

Mr Derek Hollingsworth, works convenor, said on behalf of the 5,000 Hatfield workers that there were five options for bringing more work into the factory, where the Comet, the world's first jet airliner, was developed. They were: (1) further Trident orders, (2) restarting of the HS 146 airliner, shelved a year ago, (3) extending the life of the British Airways fleet of 40 Tridents, (4) launching of a new version of the Trident with two quiet engines, (5) work on the Harrier and Hawk military aircraft.

Post Office to cut HQ jobs by 600

Before the end of the present financial year the Post Office is to do away with more than 600 jobs at various headquarters in London. The corporation is examining existing posts and declaring certain of them non-essential.

The positions will be "lapsed" when staff have either been redeployed or gone through natural wastage. The corporation's decision is being carried out in an attempt to cut costs.

So far, more than 130 posts have been "lapsed" or identified for "lapsing" at postal headquarters. Jobs at telecommunications headquarters are also under scrutiny. The measures are being carried out in cooperation with the unions.

£2.5m deal for York Trailer

York Trailer, the North Yorkshire container manufacturer, has won an order worth £2.5m from the Soviet Union for shipping containers, bringing total York sales to Russia this year to £5m. The latest contract is the fifth signed by York with Russia this year. The £2m order announced in May was at that time the biggest container contract placed in the United Kingdom by the Soviet authorities.

The new order is for shipping containers 40ft long and 8ft wide. They are produced at the rate of 14 a day

Strike over knitwear pay claim

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Strike action in support of a £6 pay claim was taken yesterday by members of the National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers. The union claimed that 45,000 workers took part but the employers said the response was patchy.

The union has rejected a 10 per cent offer from January 1, which it says would give some workers less than £3.50 a week, and plans to call a strike every Monday until its claim is met. It said that yesterday's action affected some of the largest companies i nthe industry.

A union official said: 'After one week of banning overtime and working to rule, about 17 agreements have been reached giving £6 rises during 1976 to 3,000 employees."

The Knitting Industries Federation, which negotiates on behalf of 450 firms, said yesterday that many companies would close if they had to pay the full £6. "About 75 per cent of firms were working normally yesterday", a spokesman said, "and some of the remainder are operating a four-day week anyway, so it made no difference if they had to close".

He said the industry was seriously affected by the general recession and cheap imports from Taiwan, Hongkong and Korea.

Wella ends car racing sponsorship

Wella, the hair care company, has decided to withdraw from motor racing sponsorship next year. A company statement said the decision is based on the need to channel resources into areas which more directly affect product sales and the uncertain business climate, rather than from any dissatisfaction with the results.

The company, a United Kingdom subsidiary of a German-based firm, has been promoting "Wella for Men" products mainly through formula IV and formula Atlantic motor racing for three years. Last year expenditure totalled around £50,000.

Wella says it found sponsorship activities to be "very beneficial" as a general public relations exercise. Salesmen found it helpful in promoting products to retailers.

There are no plans for sponsorship in any form next year. For the future Mr John Claughton, Wella's public relations manager says although they may not return to motor racing, they would look at other sponsorship opportunities.

Kimpher men leave

Mr Len Heath and Mr Brian Palmer, two of the founder directors of the Kimpher advertising group are leaving to concentrate on interests outside the industry. Like most other advertising companies, the publicity quoted Kimpher group has suffered from the overall decline in advertising and general increase in costs.

The poor economic climate has directly contributed to Mr Heath's decision to resign at age 48. He says that the group's policy must be to concentrate on its advertising interests rather than pursue its previous tactics of rapid expansion on a variety of fronts, including publishing and industrial design as well as advertising.

Mr Brian Palmer who with Mr David Kingsley and Mr Michael Manton helped to start the original KMP agency 11 years ago, has been reducing his involvement with Kimpher for more than a year. He is opting out completely a year or two earlier than originally planned.

Advertising & marketing

Press promotion

Newspaper and magazine publishers have got together for the first time to mount a collective promotion of the advantages of advertising in the press. Their message is that a proportion of an advertising budget spent on print can bring greater benefits than an appropriation exclusively devoted to television.

The arguments based on 14 specific product areas are detailed in a brochure *Maximise Your Media Opportunities* which is being distributed to advertisers and agencies.

It is suggested that say 25 per cent of a budget spent on press advertising can help overall coverage by reaching light television viewers without significantly diminishing TV coverage.

The publishers are hoping additionally to challenge the creative departments of agencies who use television exclusively to produce effective press advertisements.

Patricia Tisdall

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Research into substitute natural gas

From Mr M. Swiss

Sir, While North Sea natural gas is clearly very plentiful, permit me, Sir, to go out on a limb and say that five years from now we shall seriously have to start thinking of manufacturing gas again. At the moment our resources are in reasonable balance with our needs. The needs of the next five years have been matched by contracts with the Franco-Norwegian fields of Frigg and Heimdall (including our own share of Frigg) and by the provision of natural gas from the Brent oil/gas field. For the other oil/gas field, Statfjord, the Norwegians have quite ambitious plans to sell it to the continentals. We have but a small share of that field.

So much for natural gas (ie, methane). There is, in addition, a very large amount of petroleum gases (ethane, propane, butane) and condensate to be got from our North Sea oil-fields. These hydrocarbons can be converted by new technology into synthetic (or substitute) natural gas (the Americans call it "pipeline quality gas"). This technology, much of this British and well tried, means the return of gas-making plants (gasworks to those who like old fashioned words). The raw material, however, is in great demand by the petrochemical industry and this can pay more.

The far more costly conversion of coal into SNG is based on the German Lurgi process, on its BGC improvement or on numerous American developments. The Americans are spending vast amounts of money on economic and technological development of SNG-making processes, including the efforts of British scientists and plants for which they pay. This includes the work on "methanation" at Westfield and some work at Leatherhead. Now is the time to strengthen British participation and British research.

Yours sincerely,
M. SWISS,
Europetrin Surveys,
34 Meadow Way,
Wembley,
Middlesex,
November 30.

Accounting in The Netherlands

From Mr C. Zwagerman

Sir, In Professor E. Stamp's article in your paper of November 12—Half-baked ideas in the Sandilands Report—there are some references to the situation in The Netherlands which need comment. The author concludes that there will be many practical difficulties when implementing the current cost system as suggested by the Sandilands Committee. He states that the problems will be greater for smaller companies than for large companies and that therefore the system is not used by the great bulk of Dutch business. Professor Stamp: "The Dutch Government recognizes this, and the historical cost system is still used in The Netherlands by all companies, large and small, for tax purposes."

Since the thirties all Dutch chartered accountants have been taught that only by applying the principles of replacement cost accounting (to a great extent identical with the Sandilands proposals) can a reliable judgment of business results be made. This teaching was initiated by Professor Limperg and of course included training in the practical application of the principles.

For their internal purposes most major Dutch companies are now using the replacement cost principles. Their practical problems—with subsidiaries and effects of foreign currencies—are certainly greater than those of smaller locally operating companies. The Dutch government has gone a long way in recognizing this growing practice: since 1956 it has allowed the base-stock system of accounting for stocks to be used for fiscal purposes (in Dutch replacement cost theory "normal" stocks play a great role)—having earlier accepted a "Lifo" system; and it has not taxed profits on sales of fixed assets provided such assets are replaced.

For external purposes the great majority of Dutch companies, with one notable exception (Philips) use historic cost accounting. Dutch accountants can be irritant preachers but businessmen realize that, as long as in the world around them current cost systems are not used, they will have to live with the traditional methods if their shares are to be fairly valued in the stock market and their financial standing fairly assessed. There is, however, some hope now: the fourth Brussels Draft Directive allows for replacement cost accounting and the Sandilands Committee Report in the United Kingdom is a further step in the right direction.

It is rather alarming to see it suggested that sound principles ought to be rejected because of practical difficulties. It really should be the other way round: if the principles are sound and lead to desirable results in practice, then a way of overcoming the practical problems must be found.

Yours faithfully,
C. ZWAGERMAN,
(Dutch chartered accountant),
"Oudine",
Radona Road,
St George's Hill,
Weybridge.
November 24.

Price of being patriotic

From Mr B. G. Akroyd

Sir, Last week I went to my garage to order a new English car.

They contacted the local agents for a leaflet for me to choose the model, only to be told that they were out of print. However, they managed to find two, so gave one to my garage for me.

I quickly decided what I wanted and placed my order, to be told I could expect delivery in four months if I was lucky.

I was under the impression that the motor industry was crying out for business. I am not trying to buy a special hand-built job, only a stock Capri II. But I know if I kept my customers waiting four months for an order I would soon be out of business.

I am told that I could get delivery of a foreign car within a matter of days. But I foolishly wish to be patriotic. As a result, by the time the car arrives the price will probably have risen, and I shall thereby have to pay more for my patriotism.

England, my England!

Yours faithfully,
B. G. AKROYD.
Touchen End Pottery,
Touchen End,
Maidenhead, Berks.
November 26, 1975.

Metric changeover

From Mr Keith Edmeades

Sir, I was delighted to read in *The Times* today (December 1) that the Government is at last making plans to speed up the metric changeover which, as you rightly report, is now well behind its original target date.

I hope all members of Parliament will see the wisdom in not opposing the Bill now being prepared to bring these new measures into effect. As one who was closely involved with the original metrication training programme for the construction industry, I have witnessed at first hand the frustrations and enormous wastage of company resources which has resulted from the lack of legislation hitherto experienced.

Yours truly,
KEITH EDMEADES,
Director,
Integrated Management Studies,
30 Pensford Avenue,
Kew,
Richmond,
Surrey.

Low cost of some telephone calls

From Mr R. Martin

Sir, Mr Whitehouse, in his letter to you of November 28, queries why the Post Office should be spending money on advising its customers of the cost of international calls. The reason is simply one of good business practice. Millions of pounds have been invested by the Post Office to provide a comprehensive range of services, often to meet a business peak demand over very limited hours. Many possible users do not appreciate the relatively low cost of international direct dialling. A professional survey conducted for the Post Office has shown that a large majority think the costs are many times what they actually are.

The additional calls that we believe the current series of advertisements will generate will more than cover the cost of the advertisements and help to hold down prices in the future.

Concerning Mr Whitehouse's inquiry about how much it costs to make calls in this country in the cheap period, the answer is simple. The maximum charge on the STD system, from one end of the country to the other, in the cheap period works out at less than 10p for three minutes. This cost in real terms is well under half what it was 10 years ago.

Yours sincerely,
R. MARTIN,
Senior Director: Customer Services,
Telecommunications Headquarters,
The Post Office,
2-12 Gresham Street,
London EC2V 7AG.
December 2.

From Mr F. R. M. Weiss

Sir, Does the Post Office Corporation realize the irritation it causes by its current series of advertisements, telling me, for instance, that I can dial New York for 75p per minute. I cannot—and I only wish I could. The Times is also read outside major city centres—and the Post Office should realize this.

It is doubly infuriating when I am in, say, Glasgow; I certainly can dial New York—but cannot dial my own office here. I found last week that I cannot even dial my office from Oxford—barely 100 miles away.

Those of us who do not live in Birmingham, Glasgow, London or Manchester would appreciate it if the Post Office made more effort to improve the STD network in this country—and less effort in advertising that which we cannot have.

Yours faithfully,
F. R. M. WEISS,
Managing Director,
F. R. M. Weiss (Import-Export) Ltd,
Godney House,
Godney,
Wells, Somerset.
November 28.

Business appointments

Addition to board of Averys

Mr W. J. Jinks joins the board of Averys.

Mr Christopher Power has been appointed managing director of Spencer Stuart and Associates.

Mr Tan Sri Tan Chin Tuan has resigned as chairman and as a director of Sime Darby Holdings. Mr J. E. Bywater, Sime Darby's chief executive, becomes chairman.

Mr David Grenier has been made deputy chairman of Capel-Cure Myers. Sir David Hill-Wood has been appointed managing director of the gilt and fixed interest department.

Mr Denis Cail has become chairman of the optical division of Pilkington Brothers. He succeeds Dr L. H. A. Pilkington who remains a member of the optical division board.

The new board of Prestcold Holdings is: Mr J. D. Abell (chairman), Mr D. A. Field (managing director); Mr D. J. Brooks (deputy managing director); Mr A. G. Firth (finance director): Mr R. R. Morris (sales director), and Mr A. Reeves (manufacturing director).

Mr Bill Kerr becomes branch operations director of Spicer-Cowan. Mr Leslie Lynch is appointed buying director and Mr Douglas Yeman national accounts director.

A new company, Frizzell International, has been formed by the Frizzell Group. The board of Frizzel International will comprise: Mr Norman Frizzell (chairman); Mr Michael Graham (managing director); M Benoist Dupont-Fauville, Herr Gunther Freiherr von Salza and Mr Eugene Sandersley.

Mr A. J. Barker is to be director, south eastern telecommunications region of the Post Office and Mr C. L. Morrow will become director of the advisory department in the solicitor's office.

Mr J. A. W. Nichols has resigned as chairman and a director of Malit and Mr S. P. M. Pegg and Mr J. A. Klerander have also resigned from the board. Mr Thomas Kenny, deputy chairman of Malit, has been appointed chairman. Mr M. C. Mowat will remain a director, Mr J. C. Gallacher, Mr W. T. Hislop and Mr V. A. Waddilove have been appointed to the board.

Mr K. Bell has become technical director of Wragby Plastics.

Mr Ralph Pearson has been made director of Wellmann Alloys. Mr David eSabridge becomes sales director.

Mr M. H. R. King has been appointed a director of the National Employers' Mutual General Insurance Association.

Mr Norman Waller has joined the board of Nortrend.

Mr W. O. Warburton has joined the board of Crosby Spring Interiors.

Mr M. E. O'Brien and Mr A. K. P. Jackson join the board of Lowe and Brydone (Printers).

Mr A. Moffitt has been appointed a director of Gosforth Painters.

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SWAN HUNTER GROUP LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

The profits arising from contracts completed in the six months to 30th June, 1975, were not unsatisfactory, but for reasons given below it is not possible for the Directors of Swan Hunter Group Limited to give an accurate indication of the results of the Group for 1975.

Shareholders will be aware of the collapse in world demand for new ships, particularly oil tankers, and a large number of contracts have been and are still being cancelled throughout the world.

Although Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Limited has considerable work in hand at the present time a significant proportion of its future merchant ship workload consists of ships for Swan Maritime Limited. It is possible that several of these ships will not be built or that their construction will be postponed. In the meantime negotiations for these or similar ships are continuing with other shipowners, but it is not yet possible to predict the outcome and in view of the impending nationalization of the shipbuilding industry it was thought right to advise the Government of the situation.

Until decisions have been made on the issues involved the Directors feel that it would be imprudent to predict the results of Swan Hunter Shipbuilders for 1975, but nevertheless, based on the information currently available the Directors are of the opinion that the results from its other shipbuilding companies and its other activities will enable the Group to show a profit in 1975.

The Directors have resolved to pay an interim dividend of 3.0000p per share (1974—2.7700p per share) costing £551,093 (1974—£508,842). The dividend will be paid on the 31st December, 1975, to shareholders on the register at 2nd December, 1975.

BREMNER & COMPANY LIMITED

General Warehousemen

STATEMENT FOR HALF YEAR TO 31ST JULY, 1975

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of one pence per share (1974 .90 pence per share) which is equivalent to a gross Dividend of 6.15%. (1974 5.37%). This dividend will be paid on 29th January, 1976, to shareholders on the Register at 29th December, 1975. This increase does not necessarily imply that there will be an overall increase in the total Dividend for the year.

The results for the half year to 31st July, 1975, based on unaudited Accounts are:—

	1975 £	1974 £
Profit before Taxation	267,739	242,008
Deduct Taxation	141,000	121,800
Net Profit after Taxation	126,739	120,208
Less Interim Dividend (Payable)	55,200	49,680
	71,539	70,528

The tax charged for the current half year is calculated at 52% (1974 52%). The provision shown is the total estimated tax liability of the Company. Advance Corporation Tax already paid during the period is £71,335 (1974 £20,700). The Directors consider the results of the first six months of the financial year reflect the buoyancy of trading then experienced. However, a cautious outlook should be maintained for the complete year in the light of the continual rise in costs and of prevailing economic circumstances.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela

8¼% Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures Due 1987

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of December 15, 1972 providing for the above Debentures, $350,000 principal amount of said Debentures bearing the following serial numbers have been selected for redemption on December 15, 1975, through operation of the Sinking Fund, at the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest thereon to said date:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

M-129	1167	2279	3733	4570	5862	6983	7920	8811	10152	10864	11490	12045	12676	13280	13895
178	1200	2374	3737	4626	5723	7071	7945	8881	10156	10908	11499	12069	12679	13292	13987
184	1236	2465	3768	4635	5736	7164	7967	8931	10220	10974	11515	12072	12745	13355	14083
226	1270	2467	3890	4721	5895	7181	7978	8997	10264	10988	11528	12081	12755	13369	14107
287	1316	2508	3966	4746	5955	7202	7993	9044	10364	11016	11558	12118	12765	13430	14116
383	1318	2548	4002	4784	6005	7225	7994	9137	10401	11063	11600	12165	12788	13436	14119
441	1364	2617	4050	4830	6036	7255	8002	9242	10425	11064	11652	12196	12822	13438	14168
528	1390	2718	4052	4850	6060	7284	8004	9285	10505	11079	11658	12203	12837	13514	14261
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On December 15, 1975, the Debentures designated above will become due and payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Said Debentures will be paid, upon presentation and surrender thereof with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the redemption date, at the option of the holder either (a) at the **corporate trust office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, N.Y. 10015,** or (b) at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zurich; Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterdam; Banca Morgan Vonwiller S.p.A. in Milan and Rome and Credit Industriel d'Alsace et de Lorraine, S.A. in Luxembourg. Payments at the offices referred to in (b) above will be made by check drawn on a dollar account, or by transfer to a dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in New York City.

Coupons due December 15, 1975 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after December 15, 1975 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures herein designated for redemption.

Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela

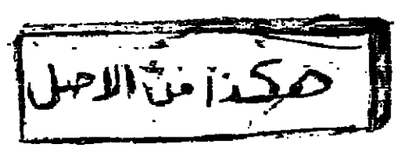
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NOTICE

The following Debentures previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

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Sir John Hunter, chairman of Swan Hunter: no interim figures

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Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £133m
Sales £793m (£700m)
Pre-tax profits £30.2m (£22.8m)
Earnings per share 5.2p (4.1p)
Dividend gross 4.12p (3.75p).

Holt Lloyd

Income benefits

Based on a current market price of 59p for Lloyds Industries the new Holt Lloyd International group formed by a merger with Holt Products is valued at around £5.8m. One advantage of arranging the merger through the creation of a new top company is of course the ability to increase the dividend beyond the rules of restraint.

For shareholders in Lloyds the benefit is a marginal 7.6 per cent given that the group would have an annual dividend of 5.38p per share, but for shareholders in Holt Products the increase adds up to over 32 per cent. Combined forecast earnings for the two groups' current years are £1.45m at the pre-tax profit level, giving earnings per share of 6.9p. The yield, after the substantial reduction in the dividend cover is only an acceptable 9.1 per cent.

Swan Hunter

Maritime orders

Swan Hunter should show a profit for 1975—and probably quite a respectable one—but the group is not producing any interim figures. For, as the share price has been suggesting, the uncertainties facing the group are not simply those of nationalization.

Like other shipbuilders, Swan Hunter has had to face up to the problems of cancellations or deferments following from the slump in world shipping markets. And until the most serious of those uncertainties are resolved, one way or the other, the group sees little point in publishing figures that would at at worst be next to meaningless require qualification and less.

The major uncertainties, of course, spring from the orders from Swan Maritime (in which Swan Hunter holds a 25 per cent interest). Overall, Swan Maritime ordered 26 ships, of which 13 have been completed and all but one sold. A couple of others are nearing completion and are pre-sold, leaving the not inconsiderable problem as to the future of the balance.

At this stage it appears that the final solution to this problem will hinge very largely on the attitude of the Government. For though Swan Hunter has some 28 ships under construction at the moment and will be reasonably loaded with around 17 ships through 1976, the outstanding Swan Maritime orders are clearly crucial to the workload and, therefore, employment in 1977.

But until the fate of these orders is decided and any changes in terms finalized—and they could obviously be significant changes—there is no way Swan Hunter will be able to draw up an unqualified statement.

The secondary question overhanging the share price must be the extent to which the present situation could bear on nationalization compensation. With the shares standing at 54½p for a capitalization of £10m, that kind of fear should be adequately discounted—and, assuming a maximum dividend increase, there is a prospective yield of 16.7 per cent.

Interim: (1975) (1974)
Capitalization £10m
Dividend gross 4.62p (4.13p).

Furness Withy

The mystery deepens

The Eurocanadian/Furness Withy situation grows stranger and stranger. But whatever conclusions one may care to draw from Monday's revelations, the most immediate is that they will have done Eurocanadian's credibility no good at all—a misfortune to say the least for an overseas company that was going to have to rely fairly heavily on good will if it were to achieve its stated objectives.

One of the main questions now must be whether or not the Monopolies Commission investigation will go ahead. In the sense that its findings would be crucial to any further progress by Eurocanadian, there is obviously a good case for the investigation to continue. But in the sense that the party that has provoked the investigation now appears to want to hedge its bets before the investigation is even off the ground, one might well wonder whether the investigation can now be justified.

Dresdner Bank to pay more

Dresdner Bank AG expects to raise this year's dividend to DM10 from DM9 last year because of the favourable trend of earnings.

According to a board spokesman, Herr Juergen Ponto, a final decision would be made at the meeting of the supervisory board on April 5.

The bank's total liable funds are DM1,888m, of which DM1,218m are in open reserves and DM670 in equity capital.

The bank decided last April to create a further DM120m of authorized capital which could be issued against cash or a non-cash capital contribution in the period up to May, 1980.—Reuter.

Thyssen's cash plan

Following up the news that "satisfactory results" have been achieved for 1974-75, August Thyssen Huette plans to increase its capital spending programe from DM1,100m to DM1,200m (£600m). Spending will be concentrated largely on retaining jobs and on plant modernization.

Facing up to the realities of high-cost energy

'The size of the coming bills may be more than consumers can pay, and the gas and electricity boards are faced with the prospect of having to disconnect hundreds of thousands of families unless the rules are changed or more government assistance, through supplementary benefits, is available.'
Roger Vielvoye reports.

For nearly two years the leaders of all the fuel supplying industries in Britain have been telling their customers that the era of cheap energy is over. This week Shell, British Petroleum and Esso, three of the biggest suppliers of oil products, reinforced the message by increasing the cost of central heating oil for domestic use by up to 27 per cent as part of a package of oil price rises.

Within the supply industries there is still some surprise that the message has taken so long to sink in, and many experts are convinced that a large number of domestic customers for all types of fuel are not fully aware of the massive increases that have taken place in the price of energy over the past 12 months.

In particular, the chiefs of the nationalized electricity and gas industries are seriously concerned that this lack of awareness will lead to horror at the size of the winter bills in many families.

In blunt, impersonal terms the oil, gas, electricity and coal suppliers say that the market is going through the final stage of the transition from low-cost to high-cost energy and that inevitably it must be expensive and painful.

But for many consumers, particularly the lower paid, the transition will be more than painful and the size of the coming bills may be more than they can pay. The gas and electricity boards are faced with the prospect of having to disconnect hundreds of thousands of families unless the rules are changed or more government assistance, through supplementary benefits, is available.

By next winter the fuel suppliers hope that the worst of the price rises will be over and that their customers will have adjusted to the fact that heating, lighting, and cooking will account for a large part of their housekeeping bills.

In the meantime, the electricity and gas industries are facing a campaign by consumers groups and pressure from Mrs Shirley Williams, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to restructure or "invert" their tariffs in favour of the smaller rather than the larger consumer.

Mrs Williams yesterday asked the National Consumer Council to undertake a study into the effects of energy prices on low-income households.

The nationalized fuel industries argue that it is the task of the Government to help the needy with their fuel bills. Juggling with the tariffs could be effective only if all small consumers were in fact in the lower income groups.

They admit that many pensioners fall into this category and would be helped, but there is also a large number of small consumers who are well able to pay their bills and would reap the same benefits as the lower paid.

Inverted tariffs would do nothing to solve the problem of people with low incomes and large families living in centrally heated council houses who use large quantities of fuel and, under the system of inverted tariffs, would be subsidizing the small consumers.

It was inevitable that the oil companies should have picked on central heating oils to bear the brunt of the latest round of oil price rises. Charges for oil have remained almost static for a year while its rivals in the domestic market, have increased their prices substantially.

Since October 31, 1974, electricity prices have risen by 30 per cent, gas prices by 34 per cent and domestic coal by 55½ per cent.

Householders presented a captive market to the oil companies who were in a difficult position because of the generally depressed state of oil product sales. At one end of the market, petrol retailers are involved in a cut-throat price war and large price increases could have led to even bigger discounts, while at the other end larger consumers of heavy industrial fuel oils, like the Central Electricity Generating Board, are squeezing the oil companies for large discounts under the threat, in the case of the CEGB, of switching even more of its power station generating capacity from oil burning to coal.

Although in percentage terms the increases in fuel prices are enormous, the suppliers find that few consumers are able to translate these figures into an accurate picture of what will happen to their own fuel bills over the next four or five months.

For example, the owners of a three-bedroomed semi-detached house with electric storage heaters and hot water provided by electricity would have paid on average about £60 for the winter quarters of last year, but this year can expect to pay at least £94. If the house is all-electric the total winter bills would go up from about £73 to £115.

In addition to promoting the idea of inverting tariffs so that small consumers pay less per unit and larger consumers more, the National Consumers Council has recommended to the Government a package of measures that are aimed to help the lower paid adjust to the reality of higher prices.

These include extending the time between the "final demand" for payment and disconnexion; keeping a watch on the number of disconnexions made this winter and ensuring that everyone is aware of the help that can be made available for meeting fuel bills through supplementary benefits.

However, the most revolutionary of the proposals is for a free fuel allowance that would give needy families a minimum supply of heat, light and power. This would be available for several years to help such families adjust to high-cost energy.

The National Consumer Council's proposals concern electricity and gas tariffs. It is generally assumed that owners of oil-fired central heating systems are among the more affluent sections of society, while coal is playing a much reduced role in home heating.

The Electricity Council and British Gas have one valuable ally in their moves to prevent a change in tariffs. The Treasury, which is in the process of phasing out subsidies to the nationalized industries, is not anxious to see forms of indiscriminate subsidy creeping in. They support the nationalized industries' contention that aid should be made available to the needy through the welfare system.

There is also the proposed selective price restraint scheme with which to contend. Companies, and there has been no indication that the fuel industries would be exempt, would be obliged under the scheme to hold price increases on their most popular sales lines to 5 per cent by subsidizing them through disproportionate increases in the price of other items.

In the electricity and gas industries cross-subsidies can only be obtained by industrial consumers subsidizing the domestic users—a concept that would be contrary to the Government's own desire to regenerate industry.

The question now being asked by all the fuel companies is whether the experience of this winter will persuade consumers to turn down their heating systems even further and make far more swingeing efforts at conservation.

For the consumer it appears to be the only way of trimming the bills, but ironically, given that suppliers have fixed overheads, yet another fall in demand could raise further the cost of producing a single unit of power.

Simca: the French factor in the Chrysler conundrum

Clifford Webb

Britain is the only European country in which the Big Three American car companies—General Motors, Ford and Chrysler—all have substantial manufacturing facilities. In France, however, Chrysler has the field to itself—and that in a nutshell is why Mr John Riccardo, the Chrysler chief, wants to concentrate his European effort on his Simca factories.

The French motorist has shown little love for either GM's or Ford's German imports and this has given Chrysler a solid base from which to export its cars to other EEC countries.

Since 1970 it has held a steady 10 per cent of the French market and some 7 per cent of the EEC as a whole.

Throw in the enormous bonus of a labour force which cannot remember its last strike and it is easy to see why Chrysler, France, has the highest relative earnings of any Chrysler overseas subsidiary.

Starting in 1970 with a modest after-tax profit of 11m French francs, its record reads: 1971, 91m francs profit; 1972, 98m francs profit; and 1973 153m francs profit. In 1974 the oilded crisis put the world's motor industry into the red and Simca was no exception. It lost 71m francs.

In comparison, Chrysler UK's record looks pretty sick. It has made losses in seven of the past 10 years, ending with a £17.7m loss last year. Even in the boom year of 1973 it could only manage profits of £3.7m.

Productivity per man at Simca is appreciably higher than that of its British counterpart. With a labour force of around 31,000 Simca expects to turn out 500,000 cars this year. It has shed some 4,000 workers since its 1973 record output of 588,000 cars.

The best Chrysler UK has managed was 265,000 in 1973—and this with a labour force of 29,000. Although the dismal strike record of its British workers is clearly to blame for much of the shortfall, it is by no means the only problem.

Chrysler UK has an installed capacity capable of producing some 300,000 cars a year and a little over two years ago was manned up to do this with 29,000 workers. Compared with Simca's actual performance of 500,000 cars from 31,000 workers the much higher manning requirements of the British unions are immediately obvious.

The geographical location of the French and British factories and its effect on the economics of production also favour Simca. While Chrysler UK is split down the middle with big assembly plants in the Midlands and Scotland, Simca has all its car production centred on Poissy, near Paris.

It is worth recollecting here that in 1954 Simca acquired Poissy from Ford—some four years before Chrysler arrived on the scene to acquire 15 per cent of Simca and nine years before it took a majority stake.

Since 1954 Poissy has been extended on a large scale and modernized. In Ford's day it produced 100 cars a day. Present production is 2,000 a day.

British production specialists who have visited Poissy in recent years have been impressed by the layout and type of equipment installed.

Until the introduction of the first front wheel drive Simca—the 1100 series—in 1967, the backbone of the company's sales was the boxy-looking, rear-engined Simca 1000.

The 1100, with its hotted-up derivatives, has acquired a considerable reputation in both French and other European markets. The reliability and power produced by its fairly small engine is the envy of many of its rivals.

Today the 1100 accounts for some 60 per cent of Simca's entire production and after the recent withdrawal of the larger 1301/1501 saloons is now virtually supported only by the new Alpine.

This hatch-back, front-wheel drive saloon, with a choice of either 1300 cc or 1500 cc engines, was designed and engineered at Chrysler's Coventry headquarters and was intended for production in both countries. It is a matter of record now that Detroit's insistence on Coventry financing its own new models sounded the death knell for these plans.

The strength and weakness of Chrysler's European range is that it is restricted to two litres and below, ranging from the 875 cc British Imp to the two-litre French Chrysler 180. Its strength is that it is ideally placed to take advantage of today's fuel conscious motorists, and its weakness that it brings Chrysler into head-on collision with mass production giants like Volkswagen, Renault and Fiat.

While this is not critical for Simca, bolstered by its new generation models, it is proving little short of disastrous for Chrysler UK with its youngest contender, the Avenger, now more than six years old.

In fact, if the two model ranges are subjected to completely objective rationalization, not one of the British-made cars can make a claim for continued existence.

It follows from this—and many motor industry buffs have been proclaiming it for a long time—that the bulk of Chrysler's 800 United Kingdom dealers can be supplied with a profitable line from France. This would reduce the British operation to a secondary role as a component supplier to Poissy and probably result in 15,000 of Chrysler's 26,000 British workers being made redundant.

A compromise solution being widely canvassed in the industry calls for Chrysler UK to produce one car only—a new up-market saloon code-named the C8. This would replace the unsuccessful Chrysler 180 and provide an acceptable topping to Simca's bread-and-butter range.

The indications are that production would be concentrated on Linwood with the engines coming partly from the Stoke engine plant at Coventry and partly from Simca.

Such a move would have to be accompanied by a phased rundown of the Avenger assembly plant at Ryton, Coventry, and a sharp cut-back at Stoke. The timing would be governed by the speed with which Iran National could switch from the Paykan (Hunter) to the C8—probably in two and a half years.

Although the resultant redundancies would not be as far-reaching as the "component-only" role, it would probably result in 10,000 jobs being lost. Nevertheless, it would solve the problem of maintaining good relations with the Shah and could ensure that a substantial part of the present £100m a year Iranian contract is not lost to Britain's balance of payments.

Business Diary: Deflated award • Opec's ballgame

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Half the inflation-hit MacRobert Award went to British Rail's design team for the advanced passenger train project (left to right): Dr Kenneth Spring, head of research; Dr Alistair Gilchrist, project manager (dynamics); Professor Alan Wickes, director of laboratories; Mike Newman, deputy director of laboratories (vehicles); Dr Sydney Jones, chairman British Rail research and development board; and Richard Marsh, British Rail chairman.

junketing in London yesterday, when a Westland Helicopters design team shared the prize with the five men who led the development of British Rail's advanced passenger train, the British Rail team raised a few eyebrows when they said they would be putting "a substantial part" of the prize money back into research and development.

The remark followed hard on some glum observations by Richard Marsh, the British Rail chairman, on government stringency over BR spending.

Dr Sydney James, father of the advanced train project, explained that the team's £12,500 would not go to revolutionizing British Rail's finances. "Of course, in industrial terms, it's not much money, but maybe we could use it as seed money in some transport R and D", he mused.

Don't call us

Harold Wilson may be right to tell his European colleagues at the EEC summit in Rome that it is no longer humorous to talk of the United Kingdom joining Opec, but it's not a foregone conclusion either.

The Vienna-based organization not only requires members to be net exporters of crude, but is considering drawing the membership rules even tighter to keep out countries which do not have the same interests as countries which are heavily reliant on oil.

At the moment, it is working on plans which would require a fixed (and high) proportion of gross national product must come from oil.

If this rule is adopted, it is very unlikely that Britain would qualify. Even if the rules are not changed, there will still be the administrative hurdles to overcome.

We rang Opec headquarters in Vienna yesterday to check details of the present rules and were told there was nobody there who knew what they are.

"You'll have to drop us a line and we will write back

Fair game

The National Union of Bank Employees has entered a team in the national business management game sponsored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Institute of Directors, ICL and the CBI.

NUBE is the first union to challenge the high-powered teams from leading companies and merchant banks who usually monopolize the play.

Leading NUBE's team into battle is general secretary Leif Mills. He will be supported by the union's research officer, Jon Robinson, and by banking personnel from National Westminster, Barclays and Barclays International.

"We had a scour round for people with different fields of expertise", a union spokesman explained. "One of our blokes is in a tax and trustee department and another works on investment analysis for his bank.

The preliminary heats are played by post, but if the bank employees do well—and they are modestly saying they do not expect to—they could end up in direct confrontation with their business rivals, competing for a £500 prize in a London hotel next July.

Token gesture

First it was book tokens, then records, followed by a host of other tokens that can be exchanged for goods. Now the British Gas Corporation has jumped on the bandwagon and this Christmas gas tokens will be on sale.

Seven of the regions which already have saving stamp schemes in operation are printing gift cards in time for Christmas. The idea came from Patrick Mayhew, Conservative MP for Tunbridge Wells, as a way of helping particularly old people to tackle the problem of meeting the rising cost of heating and cooking.

The tokens will be available initially in the Scottish, northern, south-western, Wales, West Midlands, East Midlands, eastern and southern regions.

TWENTY NEW STORES THIS YEAR

42% RISE IN KWIK SAVE PROFITS

MIDLANDS VENTURE GOING WELL

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement

Turnover in the financial year ended 30th August 1975 has increased to £65,795,000 (1974: £40,547,000) an improvement of 62%.

Net profit before tax was £3,847,000 (1974: £2,706,000) an increase of 42%.

During the year we opened 16 new stores to make a total of 71 stores. This has brought the total gross area of the stores to 1,070,000 sq. ft. (1974: 860,000 sq. ft.).

We expect to open over 20 new stores in the current financial year.

We are continuing to extend our trading area into the Midlands, where sales to date have been most encouraging. We are constructing a new distribution warehouse at Tipton, Staffordshire, which is expected to cost over £1,000,000. We hope to bring this warehouse into use by the end of the current financial year.

Sales to date are satisfactory, and in the absence of any unforeseen circumstances we look forward to a further increase in profits and plan a vigorous expansion programme over the next few years.

Five Year Record (£000's)	1975 (52 wks)	1974 (52 wks)	1973 (53 wks)	1972 (52 wks)	1971 (52 wks)
Turnover	65,795	40,547	27,899	22,441	15,039
Profit before Taxation	3,847	2,706	2,236	1,699	1,829
Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	4,651	3,259	2,559	1,698	1,282

KWIK SAVE DISCOUNT GROUP LIMITED

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Institutions return as turnover quickens

The major investment institutions returned to the stock market yesterday as buyers of ordinary shares, and prices quickly moved ahead again.

The engineering pitch, where stock is still short, saw the major stocks rising sharply, and *banks and properties also stood* out well. The pace of the market's advance slowed down at midday, however, and prices topped-off before the end of the session.

The *FT* index touched 368.8 before closing at 366.6, a net 5.4 up on the day. Turnover *showed a significant increase*—recorded bargains topped the 7,000 level—and although the pension funds and other big investors were selective, rather than enthusiastic, buyers, there were suggestions that they were taking up lines of stock below the market price.

*A clear indication of the re*newed confidence came in the form of a placing, through the market, of 750,000 shares in ICI, at about 310p a share, or only 4p below the market price. This line of stock was placed with major institutions "within minutes"—or "seconds", according to some sources.

While £3m in ICI shares is not a huge transaction for the London market, it might have been difficult to negotiate at the end of last week.

A burst of activity in shares in Tricentrol, the oil group, took the price to 52p. The market expects early news of the plans for financing the group's involvement in the N Sea Thistle field.

ICI shares ended 1p firmer at 314p, with the interim report now fully absorbed, and the market feeling optimistic about the outlook for the chemical giant.

Gilts had a very quiet day. There were no new developments of any note and no price changes on the day. "Longs" gained ¼ point, but then lost it before the close.

The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue was 11¼ per cent, as expected.

Shares in **EMI** touched a fresh 1975 peak of 237p, to close a net 8p up at 234p after publicity in the press and in the market for the reception accorded to the famous X-ray scanner at a medical conference in Chicago.

Another active feature was **BP**, whose shares ended a shade firmer at 565p, with the market overshadowed by the possibility that Thursday's trading report will include news of the Burmah stake which the Bank is widely thought to be endeavouring to place with overseas institutions.

Tubes (296p), **GKN** (255p), **Vickers** (146p) and **Hawker** (318p) all moved up sharply. Consumer stocks remained upset by fears of a hard Christmas. But **WH Smith** rallied to 367p, with the interim due. **Ranks Hovis McDougall** (49½p) turned in results in line with expectations.

Bid hopes lifted **Stewart Plastics and Hall Thermotank**, while trading statements from **Lubok Investments, Lankro Chemical, Lake & Elliot** and **Carlton Industries** were followed by rises in the shares concerned.

Bank shares found buyers as the results season drew nearer. **National Westminster Warrants**—regarded as a cheap way into the shares—moved up. Gains of a penny or so were on record among insurance issues and properties did well.

With London bullion prices firmer, gold shares managed to recoup a few pence of their recent falls. Australian mines too edged ahead.

For the third month running the value of equity deals rose in November. At £1,526.12m the month's total compares with £1,380.9m in October and £1,287.4m the month before. Fixed-interest deals totalled £6,307.7m (£5,359.19m and £3,737.82m).

Equity turnover on Monday was worth £70m (14,074 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Marks & Spencer, Rank "A", Tubes, Royal Ins, Grand Metropolitan, EMI, British Home Stores, Boots and National Westminster Banking.

The reaction against Scottish & Newcastle Breweries seems temporarily at least to be over. The shares rose 1p to 57p yesterday. January's interim figures should be extremely good with profits up from £12.1m to perhaps £16.5m, and October's Customs and Excise returns showed an increase in Scottish beer drinking, though a small slip in English consumption.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Abercom Inv (30c) Int	10*	8*	26/3	—	26*
Archimedes S Int	2.47	2.01	—	4.29	3.68
Atkins Bros (25p) Int	0.87	0.87	23/1	—	2.74
Bremner Int	1	0.9	—	—	3.3
Chown Secs (25p) Fin	Nil	0.90	—	Nil	1.4
Churchbury (25p) Int	1.45	1.31	—	—	3.46
Hutchison Int ($1) Fin	Nil	20*	—	Nil	34*
Kwik-Fit (25p) Int	0.5	Nil	1/3	—	Nil
Ldn & House (50p) Fin	2.03	1.93	—	3.75	3.51
Longbourne (£1) Fin	3.5	3.35	8/1	3.5	3.35
LCP (25p) Int	1.27	0.94	23/1	—	2.89
Parkland (25p) Int	Nil	0.87	—	—	1.72
Phoenix Mining (25p)	1.50	Nil	—	1.50	Nil
Ranks Hovis (25p) Fin	1.56	1.42	30/1	2.67	2.51
Standard Chartered (£1) Int	6.75	6.25	—	—	13.29
Swan Hunter (£1) Int	3	2.77	31/12	—	5.45
Tecalemit (25p) Int	0.97	1.00	16/1	—	2.95

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Cents a share.

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RANKS HOVIS McDOUGALL LIMITED

Preliminary Announcement of Annual Results

At a meeting of the Board of Ranks Hovis McDougall Limited held on 2nd December 1975, the following preliminary details were approved for issue.

Final Dividend on Ordinary Shares

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend for the financial year ended 30th August 1975 on the Ordinary shares of 1.58822p per share making, with the interim dividend, a total of 2.67697p per share (last year—2.5102p per share) representing, with the related tax credits, 4.11842p per share for the year (last year—3.7466p per share). The distribution for 1975 applies to the capital as increased by the rights issue and is the maximum allowed under current regulations.

The final dividend will be payable on 30th January 1976 to holders of Ordinary shares on the register on 19th December 1975.

Results

A statement showing the profit for the financial year ended 30th August 1975 is shown below.

Annual Report

The Annual Report, incorporating the Chairman's Review, will be circulated on 2nd January 1976.

Salient points are :—

(a) **Results**

Profit before taxation and extraordinary items increased by £7,393,000 to £30,218,000 for the year. External sales rose by £93m. to £793m.

The improvement in profit was due to increased contributions from all the trading sectors of the Group apart from the bakeries. A measure of profitable trading was restored in the bakery division following the loss in the first half but the full year's results were well below those of the previous year, even before taking into account the cost of rationalisation.

Although interest charges on short-term borrowings were higher than last year, there was a welcome reduction in the second half following the rights issue and more profitable trading.

(b) **The Future**

Trading results so far for the current financial year are better than those for the corresponding period last year.

The Group is broadly based within the food industry in the U.K. and overseas. In spite of current economic difficulties and although in some sectors we are hampered by restrictions, we face the future with confidence.

Consolidated profit statement for the financial year ended 30th August 1975

	£000	1975 £000	£000	1974 £000
1. Turnover				
Total sales		939,000		819,000
Deduct: Sales within the Group for further processing		146,000		119,000
		793,000		700,000
2. Profit				
Group profit on trading before depreciation		51,745		41,036
Depreciation		11,496		10,636
		40,249		30,400
Interest paid, less received		11,324		8,618
		28,925		21,782
Investment income		240		279
Associated companies		1,053		764
Group profit before taxation		30,218		22,825
Taxation				
United Kingdom corporation tax at 52%	8,520		6,282	
Deduct: Double taxation relief	969		459	
	7,551		5,823	
Overseas taxation	2,716		1,720	
Deferred taxation	5,065		4,325	
Associated companies	524		359	
Taxation adjustments in respect of earlier years	(438)	15,418	(614)	11,613
		14,800		11,212
Extraordinary items less taxation				
Rationalisation costs	1,150		—	
Surplus on disposal of assets and other items	(249)	901	(502)	(502)
		13,899		11,714
Minority interests		700		449
Profit attributable to Ranks Hovis McDougall Limited		13,199		11,265

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value; in previous years they were valued at the lowest of cost, net realisable value and replacement price. The profits of the previous year would not have been materially affected if the new basis had then applied.

	£000	1975 £000	£000	1974 £000
3. Appropriation of profit				
Reserve for pensions		1,000		1,000
Preference dividends		283		283
Ordinary dividends				
Interim paid 1.08875p per share (1974 1.08875p)	2,960		2,366	
Final proposed 1.58822p per share (1974 1.42145p)	4,317	7,277	3,089	5,455
Profit retained				
The company	2,523		2,719	
Subsidiaries	1,989		1,821	
Associated companies	127	4,639	(13)	4,527
		13,199		11,265
4. Earnings per Ordinary share of 25p		5.2p		4.1p

Based on profit of £12,817,000 (after minority interests, preference dividends and transfer to reserve for pensions, but before extraordinary items) and on 247.5 million Ordinary shares ranking for dividend, being the adjusted weighted average following the rights issue. The earnings per share for 1974 have been adjusted as appropriate.

Wall Street

New York, Dec 2.—Prices were lower on the New York Stock Exchange this morning. Analysts called the decline a technical correction.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off about three points and declines led advances by more than two to one.

Yesterday the industrial average fell 4.33 points to 856.34. Declining issues outperformed gainers by about 840 to 540. Volume was 16,050,000 shares.

Brokers attributed moderate early buying to the report after the market closed on Friday of a decline in the United States money supply following two sharp gains. They said that while a lower money supply worked against economic expansion, investors hoped it would avert a new tightening of money policy by the Federal Reserve Board.

Analysts added that the stock market continues to show the *effects of some tax-loss selling by* investors.

	Dec 1	Nov 28		Dec 1	Nov 28		Dec 1	Nov 28
Allied Chem	34¼	33¾	Ford	42⅜	42⅞	RCA Corp	19⅝	20
Allied Stores	45½	46⅞	GAF Corp	12½	11⅜	Republic Steel	25⅞	27⅛
Allied Supermkt	3¼	3½	Gamble Skogmo	22½	23⅝	Reynolds Ind	59⅛	57⅜
Allis Chalmers	12	12	Gen Dynamics	40⅝	40	Reynolds Metal	22⅜	22⅜
Alcoa	35¼	33½	Gen Electric	46½	46⅜	Rockwell Int	23⅜	23¾
Amax Inc	45	45½	Gen Foods	27⅜	26⅞	Royal Dutch	35⅛	37⅛
Amerada Hess	15½	15¼	*Gen Instrument*	7⅞	7⅞	*Safeways*	43⅝	43⅞
Am Airlines	5⅛	5⅛	Gen Mills	52⅛	52⅜	St Regis Paper	32¼	33
Am Brands	36¼	38	Gen Motors	56½	56½	Santa Fe Ind	29⅝	29⅜
Am Broadcast	20⅛	20½	Gen Pub Util NY	16⅜	16½	SCM	12	12¾
Am Can	31¼	31⅜	Gen Tel Elec	22⅞	23¼	Schlumberger	74	77
Am Cyanamid	25½	26¼	Gen Tire	16½	15⅞	Scott Paper	14⅛	14⅜
Am Elec Power	21¼	21⅜	Genesco	3⅛	3⅞	Seaboard Coast	29⅛	29⅛
Am Home	37	37	Georgia Pacific	43⅜	43⅜	Seagram	29	29
Am Motors	5⅞	6	Getty Oil	153⅝	159⅛	Sears Roebuck	70⅝	71⅞
Am Nat Gas	33	33¼	Gillette	32¼	33	Shell Oil	49⅛	48⅝
Am Standard	15¼	15⅜	Goodrich	17 •	17⅛	Shell Trans	28¼	29⅜
Am Telephone	50	50⅜	Goodyear	22⅜	22⅞	Signal Co	14⅝	14½
AMF Inc	20½	20⅝	Gould Inc	30	29	Singer	16	19⅜
Anaconda	17⅜	17¼	*Grace*	25⅞	25⅞	Sony	10½	10⅞
Armco Steel	25½	25¾	Gt Atlic & Pacific	10⅝	10	Sth Cal Edison	19¼	19⅜
Asarco	13½	13¾	Greyhound	13½•	13⅞	Southern Pacific	28½	28⅞
Ashland Oil	19⅝	19⅝	Grumman Corp	14¼	14	Southern Rly	51	51
Atlntic Richfield	91¼	91½	Gulf Oil	20⅛	20⅝	Sperry Rand	40	42⅜
Avco	4½	4⅝	Gulf & West	21⅛•	21⅝	Squibb	37⅜	37⅜
Avon Products	44	45⅝	*Heinz H. J.*	53⅛	53½	*Std Brands*	36⅝	36¼
Babcock & Wcox	19⅝	20	Hercules	29⅜	28½	Std Oil Califnia	28⅛	29¼
Bankers Tst NY	30⅛	30⅜	Honeywell	34¼	34¼	Std Oil Indiana	43	44
Bank of America	42 b	41¾b	IC Inds	16⅛•	16⅝	Std Oil Ohio	69	70
Bank of NY	27¼	27½	Ingersoll	69⅞	70⅛	*Sterling Drug*	19⅛	20⅛
Beatrice Foods	24½	24⅜	Inland Steel	38¼	39¼	Stevens J. P.	16⅛	17½
Bell & Howell	16½	17½	IBM	224⅛	226⅝	Stude Worth	39⅜	39½
Bendix	42⅜	42⅝	Int Harvester	25⅞	25⅞	Sunbeam Corp	22	21⅜
Bethlehem Steel	33½	33½	Int Nickel	25⅜	25¼	Sundstrand	16⅛•	15
Boeing	24⅛	24¼	Int Paper	56⅜	56⅜	Sun Oil	29⅛	29⅜
Boise Cascade	22⅞	23¼	Int Tel Tel	22⅞	22¾	Teledyne	31⅞	31¼
Borden	27¼	27½	Jewel Co	30	19⅜	Tenneco	25¼	25¾
Borg Warner	20⅝	20⅞	Jim Walter	33⅞	34	Texaco	25⅛	24
Bristol Myers	70⅜	72	*Johns-Manville*	22	22⅜	Texas East Trans	28½	29⅛
BP	11¼	11½	Johnson & John	93	94⅛	Texas Inst	93⅜	94½
Budd	8⅜	8¾	Kaiser Alumin	28¼	26⅝	Texas Utilities	21½	22
Burlington Ind	28½	29¾	Kennecott	29⅞	30⅛	Textron	22⅜	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	31⅞	31⅜	Kerr McGee	72 •	71⅞	TWA	6⅜	7
Burroughs	84¼	94⅝	Kimberly Clark	39⅛	38	Travelers Corp	23⅜	23¼
Campbell Soup	33⅜	32⅞	Kraftco Corp	42⅜	41½	*TRW Inc*	25⅜	25½
Canadian Pacific	13⅞	14⅛	Kresge SS	33⅞	34⅛	UAL Inc	26	26
Caterpillar	66⅜	69	Kroger	18¼	17⅞	Unilever Ltd	34½	34⅛
Celanese	43¼	43½	Ligg Myer	25⅞	25¼	Unilever NV	45⅝	45¾
Central Soya	16	16	LTV	9⅞	9⅝	Unionamerica	1⅝	1⅞
Charter NY	21½	21⅜	Litton	6⅛	6⅜	Union Bancorp	8⅛	9⅛
Chase Manhat	27⅞	28¼	Lockheed	8½	8½	Union Carbide	59	59
Chem Bank NY	30	30⅜	Lucky Stores	16⅛	16⅜	Union Oil Calif	43	43⅜
Chesapeake Ohio	31⅜	31⅜	Manuf Hanover	29	29¼	Un Pacific Corp	73⅛	74⅛
Chrysler	10⅝	10½	Mapco	32⅛	32	Uniroyal	6	6⅛
Citicorp	29¼	29¼	Marathon Oil	45⅛	45⅜	United Brands	4⅞	5
Cities Service	39	39⅞	Marcor Inc	28⅛	28¼	Utd Merch & Man	14⅜	14½
Clark Equip	27⅛	27	Marine Midland	11⅞•	12⅜	US Industries	3⅛	3½
Coca Cola	85	87½	Martin Marietta	16⅞	16⅞	*US Steel*	63⅛	63⅞
Colgate	26⅛	26⅛	McDonnell	15½	15⅛	Utd Technol	50	50
CBS	47	47⅜	Mead	17⅜	17⅜	Wachovia	17	17½
Columbia Gas	22¾	23¾	Merck	79⅞•	79	Warner Comm	17⅛	18⅛
Combustion Eng	33⅜	34¼	Minnesota Mng	61⅛	61⅜	Warner Lambert	37	36⅛
Comwlth Edison	30⅛	30⅛	Mobil Oil	42⅜	42⅛	Wells Fargo	15⅛	15½
Cons Edison	13⅜	13⅜	Monsanto	73⅞	74⅛	West'n Bancorp	18½	19½
Cons Foods	20⅜	19½	Morgan J. P.	51⅞	51⅜	Westnghse Elec	13½	13½
Cons Power	15½	18⅛	Motorola	41⅝	42⅛	Weyerhauser	36⅛	36⅜
Continental Can	29⅞	29	NCR Corp	22⅞	24	Whirlpool	26⅛	27
Continental Oil	59⅞	59¾	NL Industries	12⅞	13	White Motor	5⅛	5⅛
Control Data	19	19⅜	Nabisco	39⅛	39½	Woolworth	22⅜	22⅞
Corning Glass	45½	45½	Nat Distillers	16½	16⅛	Xerox Corp	49⅛•	50
CPC Intnl	42⅝	42⅞	Nat Steel	36⅞	36⅜	Zenith	24⅞•	24⅛
Crane	45⅛	46	Norfolk West	65⅛	64⅞			
Crocker Int	22⅞	22⅞	NW Bancorp	47	43⅛			
Crown Zeller	35½	36	Norton Simon	22⅝	22⅞			
Dart Ind	27⅛	27⅞	Occidental Pet	14⅜	15			
Deere	50⅛	50⅜	Ogden	15⅜	15⅜			
Del Monte	27¼	27	Olin Corp	30	30½			
Delta Air	37⅜	35⅜	Otis Elevator	36⅛	35⅞			
Detroit Edison	14⅛	14⅛	Owens-Illinois	50⅛	50⅛			
Disney	49⅝	51⅝	Pacific Gas Elec	21⅝	21⅛			
Dow Chemical	91⅞	91⅛	Pan Am	5⅛	5⅛			
Dresser Ind	77⅛	78	Penn Central	1⅝	1⅜			
Duke Power	18⅝	18⅞	Penney J. C.	49⅛	50⅜			
Du Pont	122	126¼	Pennzoil	17⅜	17⅜			
Eastern Air	7	7⅛	Pepsico	70⅞	71			
Eastman Kodak	103⅜	103½	Pet Inc	23⅞	23⅝			
Eaton Corp	29⅛	29½	Pfizer	27⅝	27⅜			
El Paso Nat Gas	11	11⅛	Phelps Dodge	30½	33⅞			
Equitable Life	17⅞	17⅞	Philip Morris	55⅛	55⅜			
Esmark	32	33⅞	Phillips Petrol	52½	53½			
Evans P. D.	4⅞	4⅛	Polaroid	35⅞	36⅝			
Exxon Corp	85½	86	PPG Ind	34⅛	34⅜			
Fed Dept Stores	50⅞	51⅛	*Proctor Gamble*	92¼	93			
Firestone	22⅞	22⅞	Pub Ser El & Gas	17⅞	18			
Fst Chicago	15⅞	16	Pullman	29	29⅛			
Fst Nat Boston	22¼	22⅛	Rapid American	5⅛	5⅜			
Fst Penn Corp	15	14⅞	*Raytheon*	48¼	48½			

Canadian Prices

	Dec 1	Nov 28
Abitibi	9⅛	9
Alcan Alumin	21⅛	21½
Algoma Steel	23⅛	23½
Bell Telephone	44⅛	43½
Cominco	33⅞	33⅞
Cons Bathurst	29⅛	29¼
Falconbridge	29	29
Gulf Oil	20⅛	20⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	6.63	6.63
Hudson Bay Min	16⅛	17¼
Hudson Bay Oil	38⅛	38
Imasco	27⅛	27½
Imperial Oil	24⅛	24⅛
Int Pipe	13⅛	12⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	19⅛	20
Royal Trust	20⅞	20⅛
Seagram	29⅛	29⅛
Steel Co	25⅜	27⅛
Walker Hiram	28⅞	29⅛
WCT	22	22⅞

• Ex div. a Asked. e Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0210 ($2.0215); three months, $1.9957 ($1.9968). *Canadian dollar*, 98.80c (98.86c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was down 4.11 to 287.41. The futures index was down 5.75 to 277.45.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 856.34 (860.67); transportation, 169.87 (169.24); utilities, 82.89 (83.27); 65 stocks, 260.90 (261.82). New York Stock Exchange index, 47.96 (48.24); industrials, 53.26 (53.56); transportation, 32.27 (32.44); utilities, 35.17 (35.39); financial, 45.55 (45.71).

New York silver dips by 5 cents

New York, Dec 1.—**SILVER** futures closed at new *contract lows* for the second trading session in a row with losses of 4.70 to 5.00 cents on demoralized selling. Dec, 406.50c; Jan, 407.70c; Feb, 410.80c; March, 413.80c; May, 420.00c; July, 427.50c; Sept, 434.40c; Dec, 444.80c; Jan, 448.00c; March, 455.00c. *Handy and Harman* $407.41 (previous unavailable). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $4.125 (previous Can $4.205). **GOLD** futures closed slightly lower in active two-way trading. The New York Comex was 50 to 90 cents lower and the Chicago IMM dipped 10 to 70 cents. NY COMEX.—Dec, $137.00; Jan, $137.70; Feb, $138.40; April, $140.10; June, $141.80; Aug, $143.50; Oct, $145.40; Dec, $147.30; Feb, $149.20; April, $151.10. CHICAGO IMM.—Dec, 136.60 asked; March, 138.70-138.80; June, 141.50; Sept, 144.30 asked; Dec, 147.20 asked; March, 150.40 asked. **COPPER.**—Futures closed steady, 50 points down on 1,750 lots. Dec, 52.70c; Jan, 52.70c; Feb, 53.20c; March, 53.80c; May, 54.90c; July, 56.00c; Sept, 57.00c; Dec, 58.50c; Jan, 58.70c. **SUGAR.**—World sugar futures finished at the day's lows at 0.37c to 0.71c down. Jan, 12.65c nominal; March, 12.75-77c; May, 12.86-85c; July, 12.90-95c; Sept, 12.95-97c; Oct, 12.97-98c; March, 13.00-05c; May, 13.00c; Sept, 12.55c, off 55. **COTTON.**—Futures remained under selling pressure for much of the session, to reach the two-cent limit decline late in the day. There was a mild rally on the close. Dec, 54.75c bid; March, 56.55-60c; May, 57.48c; July, 57.75-85c; Oct, 56.40c bid; Dec, 56.50-70c; March, 56.95c bid; May, 57.00c bid. **COCOA.** Futures closed barely steady on sales of 858 lots. Dec, 58.60c; March, 52.85c; May, 52.75c; July, 51.70c; Sept, 50.75c; Dec, 49.90c; March, 49.70c. Spots Ghana 68½c; Bahia 60c.

COFFEE in "C" contract. Futures *closed 1.00 to 0.50 cent down* in a reaction to the strong advance posted Friday on commission house short covering and stop loss buying. Dec, 80.00c; March, 79.35c; May, 79.70c; July, 80.70c; Sept, 81.20-65c. **WOOL.**—Fine wool and crossbred *futures remained idle with no sales* today. Closing bids in both contracts ranged from 0.10 cent down to unchanged on the day. GREASY WOOL.—Spot, 160.0c nominal. Dec, 150.0-65.0c; March, 156.0-62.0c; May, 154.0-8.0c; July, 151.0-8.0c; Oct, 151.0-7.0c; Dec, 150.0-7.0c; March, 150.0-8.5c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 90.0c nominal. Dec, 89.0-92.0c; March, 89.0-92.0c; May, 89.0-92.0c; July, 89.0-92.0c; Oct, 84.0-92.0c; Dec, 81.0-92.0c; March, 80.0c bid. **CHICAGO SOYABEANS.**—Meal futures traded in the minus column all day and at the final bell prices were off about $5.00 a ton at the outside. Oil, however, edged up, ending with gains of 0.15 to 0.35 cents a lb. SOYABEANS.—Jan, 486-85c; March, 495-91c; May, 502-03c; July, 510c; Aug, 510c; Sept, 517-18c; Nov, 520c; Jan, 528c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Dec, $135.50-5.20; Jan, $136.50-6.80; March, $139.00-8.50. SOYABEAN OIL.—Dec, 17.00-05c; Jan, 16.95-17.05c; March, 17.15-25c; May, 17.25-30c; July, 17.35-40c; Aug, 17.30c; Sept, 17.45c; Oct, 17.35-45c. SOYABEAN MEAL (New).—March, $134.50-5.00; May, $137.50; July, $140.00-0.50; Aug, $139.00-2.50; Sept, $143.00-4.00; Oct, $143.00-4.00. **CHICAGO GRAINS.**—WHEAT closed steady 1 cent lower to ½ higher. Dec, 341-340c; March, 356-355c; May, 361-361½c; July, 360-361c; Sept, 366c. MAIZE closed steady ¼ to 1 cent higher. Dec, 271½-272c; March, 279½-279¾c; May, 285½-285¾c; July, 284½-284¾c; Sept, 278½c; Dec, 269c; March, 276c nominal. OATS closed steady 1 cent lower to 1½ higher. Dec, 161½-162c; March, 159½c; May, 155¾c; July, 151c.

LCP holds its own at half-time

After shaking off Central Manufacturing & Trading's bid by promising higher dividends and better profits, LCP Holdings reports the dividend up but profits down in the first six months to September 30. The pre-tax figure slipped 4 per cent to £965,000, after heavier interest, though turnover rose from £26.6m to £32.5m. The board blames industrial disputes and short supply.

However, Mr David Rhead, chairman, says that manufacturing output is up and construction, distribution and property are ahead of last year. Better still, he expects an "appreciable" increase in group profits in the second half, and expects the full year to be "satisfactory". Last year's figure was £2.41m, before tax. The interim dividend rises from 1.40p to 1.95p, though earnings a share are down from 3.0p to 2.8p.

Tecalemit ahead

Tecalemit, the garage, lubri*cation and engineering group* has completed its recovery, and now seems set for a new profits peak. Streamlining and the ejection of low margin lines led to a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £430,000 in the second half of the year to last March, and now the group reports a 23 per cent gain to £425,000 in the six months to October 10. Sales rose by 7½ per cent to £10m. Exports and sales abroad were *40 per cent of turnover.*

Mr Nigel Bennett, chairman, expects second half profits "to be at least equal" to the first *half's, which could prove con*servative. This indicates profits of more than £850,000, beating the 1973-74 peak of £832,000. The gross interim dividend is simply 1.5p a share again but this does not rule out a bigger final. Last time it was 3p a share.

Petrocon earnings reach record level

Petrocon, in oil and process services, reports record profits and turnover for the year ended August 31. Pre-tax profits soared 66 per cent to £1.28m, while turnover climbed 51 per cent to £9.54m. Mr Peter Hodgson, chairman, says that both main divisions were "extremely successful," though margins in services came under pressure in the second half. Both companies in the manufacturing division increased output and the order book is a record. Exports also played their part, leaping 87 per cent to £2.28m. However, the board finds it impossible to forecast. The final dividend rises from 2.56p to 4.52p, making 5.98p against 3.86p.

Hutchison Int

Hutchison International, the *investment and trading group in* which the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation now has a net 33.6 per cent stake, plans to rationalize its loss making United Kingdom companies which cannot quickly be turned into profit, Sir Douglas Clague, the chairman, states in the annual report.

Hutchison has provided HK$4.3m against heavy machinery stocks held by the troubled Alltrak Group, against which there are outstanding claims of about $92.4m. The world recession has affected the company's textile interests more than any other sector, Sir Douglas added.

No Chown dividend

A profit of £180,000 turned into a *loss of* £528,000 in the year to June 30 at Chown Securities, as turnover went down from £3.17m to £2.4m. *There* was in fact a small rally in the second half as the loss was £614,000, against one of £365,000 in the first six months. There is no dividend from this property investment and dealing group which paid 2.09p last time.

Bremner caution

Good business in the half year to July 31 took Bremner, the general *warehouse group from* a pre-tax profit of £242,000 to one of £268,000. The interim dividend goes up from 1.34p *to 1.54p.* But the board warns shareholders of the need for caution as costs are rising. Last year, a second-half profit of £382,000, against £390,000, left the group with a record £624,000, against £622,000.

Kwik-Fit Tyres

Kwik-Fit (Tyres & Exhausts), the product of a reorganized GA Robinson motor equipment group, reports a "*satisfactory*" half year to August 31. After a blank 12 months shareholders are to get an interim payment *of 0.77p.* From turnover up from £1.87m to £2.66m pre-tax profits grew 18 per cent to £133,000. Sales continue to be buoyant.

Fitzwilton warning

A most difficult year is ahead of Fitzwilton, *the* Irish industrial group. Mr Michael Duggan, the chairman warned shareholders at the annual meeting that interest charges on the group's heavy borrowings, and bad trading conditions will mean a substantial loss this year. *There could be further* sales of assets.

Hoechst slump

In the nine months to September the pre-tax profit of Hoechst, the German chemical giant, *more than halved from* DM1,439m to DM610m (£122m) as turnover slid from DM15,120m to DM14,860m. But *since* September, demand has steadied and turnover has picked up. Use of capacity was down to 56 per cent in the third quarter with 21,000 people on short time.

Stonehill expand

To cope with the increasing demand for its "Stateroom" domestic furniture, Stonehill Furniture, a member of the Stonehill Holdings group, has taken a further 70,000 sq ft of factory space on the Lea Valley trading estate. In addition, over £300,000 is budgeted to be spent in the current year on new plant &c for the whole of the Stonehill Group. When on stream early in 1976, the production set-up will en the group greatly to incr production.

Parkland misery

The textile slump conti to take its toll at Parkland tile (Holdings). A profit £148,000 gave way to a los £83,000 in the six months August 29. Turnover £8.19m, against £8.75m.

There is no dividend, aga 1.31p. Over the whole of year profits collapsed f £1.01m to £144,500.

MERGERS CLEARED

Following proposed mer are *not to be referred to* M polies and Mergers Commiss Pentos Holdings-Marshall, Mo and Scott: Babcock and Wi American Chain and Cable

NORTHGATE EXPLORATION

Anglo United Development poration said in Tor yesterday that it had sold 600 Treasury shares to North Exploration for 400,000. For ject to negotiation, the explora of 33 prospecting licences in land held by Société Minière Metallurgique de Penarroya.

MATTHEWS-DAWSON

The Matthews Holdings o *for* Dawson & Barfos has b declared unconditional, and remain open for acceptance u further notice. The cash alter tive has now closed.

PHOENIX MINING & FINAN

With turnover up from £267 to £1.13m, a loss before tax £204,000 was turned into a pro before tax of £120,000 in the ye to end-September. Dividend, 2.3 gross (nil).

GRANGES AB

Arrangements completed f issue by Granges AB of US$30 9¼ per cent notes 1980 at an iss price of 100 per cent. Issue w managed by S. G. Warburg & C Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken Svenska Handelsbanken, Banq Bruxelles Lambert S.A. Cred Suisse White Weld Limited Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaf First Boston (Europe) Limite and Swiss Bank Corporation (Ove seas) Limited. Brokers in Londo to the issue were Panmure Go don & Co and Strauss, Turnbu & Co. Application has been mad to list the notes on The Stoc Exchange, London.

MORLAND

Revaluation of freehold proper ties amounts to some £6.01m, chair man reports in annual statement. *Because* of unsettled *property* market, board think it unwise to incorporate these figures in accounts.

EDINBURGH ICE RINK

Trading loss for year to May 31: £14,000 (£2,000). Board confident there will be a great improvement in financial position in current year.

LIDSTONE

While property income continues at a *similar level*, trading still "far from satisfactory", directors report.

B. S. & W. WHITELEY

*Listing of ordinary shares, pre*ference shares and 6 pc debenture stock temporarily suspended at company's request, pending an announcement.

ASG LICENSED BY PILKINGTON

Kingsport, Tenn.—ASG *Industries* has been *licensed* by Pilkington Brothers of *Britain for* use of Pilkington's *homogenization* process for *production* of float glass.—Reuter.

Briefly

ATKINS BROS (HOSIERY)

On turnover of £3.2m (£3.22m), pre-tax profits fell from £247,000 to £91,000 in half-year to September 27. Interim payment, 1.34p gross (1.3p).

BRITISH DREDGING

In half-year to end-June, turnover reached £8.1m (£11.99m in previous nine months). Pretax loss £218,000 against loss of £209,000. No interim payment again.

ATLAS COPCO

Profits rose 25 per cent to £23.3m but second-half margins will be smaller. Sales for the full year should be up about 20 *per cent.*

ARCHIMEDES INV

Gross revenue for year to October 31, £96,000 (£95,000). *Total payment, 6.6p gross (5.5p* gross).

LONRHO

Lonrho now beneficially owns about 97 per cent of capital of London, Australian and General Exploration and intends to compulsorily acquire outstanding shares.

INVESTMENT COMPANIES TO MERGE

Electric and General Investment and Washington Investment have agreed a merger: for every 200 ordinary shares in Washington, the holder will receive 105 ordinary shares in Electric and General.

SUPARA INVESTMENTS

Chairman in his annual statement says that since June this year, price of rubber has recovered to some extent and, if trend continues, sales proceeds for 12 months to March 31 next should show a "significant increase".

CAPE PORTLAND CEMENT

Terms agreed by which Pretoria Portland Cement will take rump (42 per cent) of shares. *Holders* have option of 270c for one PPC share plus 40c for every one share held as price for cancellation.

LUBOK INVESTMENTS

Lubok has placed with institutional and private investors 531,774 shares of Malit (28.6 per cent of the share capital of Malit) at 33p per share *in cash. Details* of this disposal and of sale of Lubok's investment in SA Selected Holdings will be circulated to Lubok shareholders as soon as possible.

THE NEW THROGMORTON TRUST LTD.

Capital Loan Stock Valuation 2nd December, 1975.

The net asset value per £1 of Capital Loan Stock is Nil.

Securities valued at middle-market price.

Standard Chartered Bank Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account (Unaudited)

	Six months ended 30th September 1975 £000	Six months ended 30th September 1974 £000	Year ended 31st March 1975 £000
Trading Profit of Standard Chartered Bank Limited and its subsidiaries	43,849	39,991	82,863
Deduct: Additional provisions against advances and for pensions	—	—	16,701
	43,849	39,991	66,162
Share of Profits of Associated Companies	2,885	2,733	4,984
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	46,734	42,724	71,146
Taxation:			
The Bank and its subsidiaries	20,903	20,065	33,475
Associated Companies	1,333	1,281	2,542
Profit after Taxation	24,498	21,378	35,129
Minority Interests	3,373	2,587	5,472
	21,125	18,791	29,657
Extraordinary items less taxation and minority interests	—	—	4,628
Profit attributable to Standard Chartered Bank Limited	21,125	18,791	25,029
Dividend	4,056	3,756	7,989
Profit Retained	17,069	15,035	17,040
Earnings per share	35.1p	31.3p	49.3p
Dividend per share	6.75p	6.25p	13.2945p
(Gross equivalent)	(10.38p)	(9.33p)	(20.1660p)

NOTES:

1. The accounting policies and bases of consolidation employed are consistent with those set out in the annual accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1975.
2. Overseas profits have been converted into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the ends of the relevant accounting periods. Non-trading surpluses or deficits arising on revaluation of the Group overseas net assets as a result of exchange rate fluctuations are dealt with through reserves.
3. United Kingdom Corporation Tax has been provided at 52%.
4. Earnings per share are based on profits after taxation and minority interests but before extraordinary items and on issued share capital of £60,096,000.

The Board of Directors has resolved to pay an interim dividend in respect of the year to 31st March, 1976 of 6.75p per share (equivalent to 10.38p gross), to shareholders registered at close of business on 2nd January 1976. The dividend will be paid on 30th January, 1976.

Joint Secretaries

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Panel: Weidmann must cut stake

…the shares in B. S. & W. Whiteley were temporarily suspended yesterday at the company's request and the Takeover Panel gave its verdict on the … per cent of the equity bought by H. Weidmann AG, Biomed, Gewerbebank AG and Bank Streiff AG. The Panel … that they had acted in concert and normally they would have to make a full bid. The Panel thinks this is a "very special case" where such a bid would have meant control of the only United Kingdom … of electrical insulating board going abroad.

The parties have agreed to reduce their holdings to no more than 25 per cent by June … at the latest to people in no way linked to them. No purchases to raise the percentage may be made in the two years after the disposal. Last August the Monopolies Commission said it did not expect the 33 per cent stake built up by Weidmann of Switzerland to go against the public interest but the Director General of Fair Trading was to keep things under review.

Local loans raised

The weekly borrowing rate for local authorities is raised from 11⅛ per cent to 11¼. Among those borrowing more than £1m are: Westminster, Haringey, Hampshire and Hounslow. Several authorities are in the market for loans of £250,000 and over. These include: Brentwood, Thurrock, Dudley, Fareham, Rugby, North Bedfordshire, Ogwr, Lliw, Stockport, Castle Point, Blaby, South Tyneside, Salford, Daventry and Thamesdown.

GHH to maintain payment

West Germany's largest engineering concern, the Gutehoffnungshütte Aktienverein, will pay its now traditional dividend of 14 per cent for the year which ended on June 30.

In a first review of the past year, GHH disclosed that group turnover fell by 5.5 per cent to DM9,877m while new orders booked gained by 8.2 per cent to DM11,907m. The level of orders in hand increased to more than DM11,000m at the end of October from DM10,623m at the end of June. Despite this apparently favourable news, GHH warned shareholders that parts of the group are at present under-occupied.

Wallace Bros plunge into the red

After charging £2.8m against £460,000 for bad debts, banker Wallace Brothers, has plunged into the red. There was a pretax loss of £1.4m, compared with a profit of £1.02m in the year to July 31. The pre-tax figure also takes into account £365,000 written off long term investments. The board says it has taken steps to put things right. Maintaining liquidity is a priority and the company has arranged standby lines with its bankers. There is no additional preference dividend (2.5p last year).

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¼% 1981 (£99.8)	£9¾
Coventry 13½% 1980 (£99½c)	£10
Hinderand Gold 20c (£2)	245-5
Essex Wtr 9% Pf (£?)	41½
Islington 13½% 1980 (£?)	45½
Do 14% 85-86 (£100)	147¾
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf	38¾
Treasury 10½% 'A' 1979 (£98½)	47¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renunc.	
Anglo Am Asph (100p)	..	40 prem
Berisford (S. W.) (221)	Mar 1	102 prem+2
Berry Wiggins (35p)	Jan 7	21 prem-3
Brit Home Strs (265p)	..	57 prem+2
Capper-Neill (32p)	..	19½ prem+1½
Charles D. (10)	Jan 9	21
Fenner Hldgs (90p)	..	31 prem+4
Hunting Assoc (55p)	..	24 prem-1
Ibstock (80p)	Jan 5	33+5
Kwik Save (18p)	Jan 16	125 prem
Mowlem J (68p)	..	9 prem
Nat Bnk Aust (A$1 5)	..	130 prem-5
Pontins (18p)	..	14 prem
Runciman W (92p)	..	25 prem-1
Spillers (38p)	..	9 prem
Watson and Philip (28p)	..	30 prem+3

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £30 paid. e £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	104	105
Air France 9¼ 1982	102	103
Airlease 8¾ 1988	86	89
ARDB 9¼ 1980	100	101
Ashland 8 1987	90½	91½
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	100	101
BFCE 9 1982	101¼	102¼
Broken Hill Prop 9¼ 1981	101	102
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	86	89
Burlington 7¾ 1987	89½	90½
Carrier 8 1987	88½	89½
CECA 8¾ 1982	99	100
Chevron 7 1980	97½	99
Conoco 7 1980	97	98½
Conoco 8 1986	96½	97½
Cons Foods 7½ 1991	87	88
CSR 9½ 1980	100	101
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	92	93
Curacao Tokyo 10½ 1981	102	103
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91½	92½
Dana 8 1987	90½	91½
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990	83½	84½
DSM 9¼ 1980	101½	102½
EIB 9 1980	101½	102½
FIB 9½ 1985	101	102
Escom 9½ 1989	90	92
Escom 10½ 1983	99	100
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980	94½	95½
GATX 8½ 1987	90	91
Gould 9¾ 1985	99	100
Guardian Royal 8 1987	77	80
Gulf and Western 9¾ 1980	101¼	102¼
ICI 7½ 1992	85	86
International Util 8½ 1983	96	97
Motorola 8 1987	92½	93½
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	86	89
New Zealand 9 1980	101½	102½
New Zealand 9½ 1982	101½	102½
Nippon Fudosan 10½ 1980	102½	103½
Nippon Steel 9½ 1980	99½	100½
NA Rockwell 8½ 1987	89	90
Occidental 10 1981	99	100
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	101	102
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	89½	90½
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	102½	103½
Pennwalt 8 1987	93	94
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	92	93
Scanraff 7½ 1990	91	92
Scanraff 8½ 1988	97½	98½
Shell 7½ 1987	93	94
Singer 11 1977	97½	99
Skandinaviska 10½ 1981	104	105
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	101½	102½
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	98	99
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	99	100
Statsgoretag 9¾ 1980	100½	101½
Sybron 8 1987	90½	91½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	86½	87½
Textron 7¾ 1987	86	87
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	92	93
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	93	95
Williams & Glyns 8¼ 1987	79	82
DM BONDS		
CFP 8½ 1985	98½	99½
Denmark 9¾ 1989	100	101
ICI 8¾ 1982	97½	98½
Mexico 9 1982	100½	101½
National Westminster 8 1988	92½	93½
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8½ 1982	100½	101½
Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1988	92½	93½

$ CONVERTIBLES

AMF 5 1987	64	66
American Express 4¾ 1987	82	84
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	96	98
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	110	112
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	105	107
Borden 5 1992	95	97
Borden 6½ 1991	104	106
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	78	80
Carnation 4 1988	86	88
Chevron 5 1992	98	100
Cummins 6¼ 1986	77	79
Dart 4¾ 1987	83	86
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	120	122
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	81	83
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985	131	133
Ford 5 1988	78	80
Ford 6 1986	85	87
Gillette 4¾ 1987	78	80
Gould 5 1987	87	89
General Electric 4¼ 1987	84	86
Gulf and Western 5 1988	86	88
Harris 5 1987	70	72
Honeywell 6 1986	77	79
ITT 4½ 1987	68	70
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	116	118
JP Morgan 4¾ 1987	103½	104½
Nabisco 5½ 1988	93	95
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	90	92
JC Penney 4½ 1987	78	80
Revlon 4¾ 1987	100½	102½
Rank Org 4½ 1993	35	37
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	93	95
Squibb 4¾ 1987	89	91
Texaco 4½ 1988	72	74
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	113	115
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	75	77
Xerox Corp 5 1988	71	73

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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Offshore and International Funds

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* Ex dividend. ° Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. s Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (8) Dec 3, (9) Dec 2, (10) Dec 31, (14) Dec 1, (15) Dec 3, (16) Dec 9, (18) Dec 9, (19) Dec 15, (20) 28th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 3rd Wednesday of month, (39) 2nd Wednesday of month, (40) Valued monthly.

Commodities

COPPER was slightly firmer, cash wire bars gaining £3 and the three-month position put on £2.40. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £561.50-63 a metric ton; three months, £583-83.50. Sales, 2,075 (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £550-50.50; three months, £570.50-71. Sales, 475 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £562-62.50; three months, £582.50-83.00. Settlement, £562.50. Sales, 6,850 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £550-50.50; three months, £569.50-70.50. Settlement, £550.50. Sales, 175 tons.

SILVER was firmer under the influence of continental investment buying and the higher bullion dealers' fix. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 204.1p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 412); three months, 209.8p (418.7c); six months, 215.7p (429c); one-year, 229.2p (440c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon: Cash, 203.8-04.2p; three months, 209.7-09.9p; seven months, 218.4-18.9p. Sales 72 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, 204-04.1p; three months, 209.6-09.7; seven months, 219.2-19.7p. Settlement 204.1p. Sales, 51 lots.

TIN: Standard cash sagged under liquidation and profit-taking prompted by a $M3 fall at Penang. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,039-41 a metric ton; three months, £3,110-12. Sales, 540 tons. High grade, cash, £3,039-41; three months, £3,110-12. Sales, Nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,041-42; three months, £3,113-14. Settlement, £3,042. Sales, 220 tons. High grade, cash, £3,041-42; three months, £3,112-14. Settlement, £3,042. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M947 a picul.

LEAD: Cash was slightly easier but the three-month position held firm. Afternoon.—Cash, £162.50-62.75 a metric ton; three months, £170-70.50. Sales, 250 tons. Morning.—Cash, £162.50-63; three months, £170-70.25. Settlement, £163. Sales, 2,375 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC was firmer. Afternoon.—Cash, £330-30.25 a metric ton; three months, £342.75-43. Sales, 775 tons. Morning.—Cash, £329.50-30; three months, £341.50-42. Settlement, £330. Sales, 1,575 tons. Producers' price, £340 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 20p up at £71 ($143.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was barely steady.—Jan, 36.0-36.50p per kilo; Feb, 36.35-37.00; Jan-March, 36.65-75.36p; April-June, 37.90-95.38p; July-Sept, 38.95-39.00p; Oct-Dec, 39.95-40.05p; Jan-March, 40.90-95.40p; April-June, 41.60-41.80p; July-Sept, 42.00-42.10p. Sales, 244 lots of 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steady and active.—Spot, 35.00-36.00. Cifs, Jan, 33.40-35.00; Feb, 34.40-34.75.

COFFEE.—Robustas were firmer, nearby January putting on £3. March was £4 up.—Jan, £738-740 per metric ton; March, £738-739; May, £734-740; July, £743-744; Sept, £747-748; Nov, £752-755; Jan, £754-756. Sales: 605 lots including 26 options.

ARABICAS were dull.—Dec, $91-95 per 50 kilos; Feb, $87-88; April, $84-90; June, $88-90; Aug, $88.50-95.00; Oct, $90-95; Dec, $91-95. Sales: 6 lots.

COCOA futures were very steady.—Dec, £674.50-80.00 per metric ton; March, £642.50-43.00; May, £623-23.50; July, £615-16; Sept, £609.50-10.00; Dec, £601-02; March, £598-99. Sales: 1,523 lots including one option. ICO prices: daily 54.33c; 15-day average 54.79c; 22-day average 56.07c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were steady. The London daily prices were: "raws" £148 (£5 down); "whites" £169 (£2 down).—March, £149.90-50.00 per long ton; May, £151.25-51.45; Aug, £153.80-54.00; Oct, £153.80-54.00; Dec, £154.10-54.15; March, £154.10-54.35; May, £154-58. Sales: 3,453 lots. ISA prices: 12.60c, 17-day average 13.18c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Dec, £80-89 per metric ton; Feb, £86.00-86.40; April, £87-87.50; June, £87.80-87.90; Aug, £88.50-89.00; Oct, £89.30-89.90. Sales: 42 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—Dec, 172-80p per kilo; March, 179-80p; May, 181-85p; July, 185-89p; Oct, 191-95p; Dec, 193-95p; March, 195-200p; May, 197-203p. Sales: 9 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, £195 per long ton. "D" grade, Nov-Dec, £188. Calcutta was steady. Indian, Dec, Rs450 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, Dec, Rs450.

GRAIN (The Baltic): Imported grains remain quiet and the price structure showed little change. The fob market for English barley held fully steady to firm with heavy export figures for Aug-Oct supporting values.

WHEAT: Us dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, Jan, £99.35; Feb, £100; March, £100.65 direct Tilbury; April-mid-May, £99.35; May, £99.30; July, £99.95 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed Dec, £63.60; Jan, £64.90 east coast.

MAIZE: No 3 yellow American-French, Dec, £66.25; Jan, £67.75; Feb, £68.25 trans-shipment east coast; South African white, Jan, £68.35; Feb, £68.50; March, £68.75. UK: South African yellow, Jan, £67.25; Feb, £67.50; March, £67.75. UK. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.

BARLEY: EEC feed, Dec, £68.50.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta) EEC origin: BARLEY was steady: Jan, £62.75; March, £64.85; May, £66.60; Sept, £63.15; Nov, £67.05. WHEAT was steady: Jan, £64.30; March, £66.05; May, £67.40; Sept, £66.40; Nov, £68.30.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Gloucester	£62.55	£61.05	£60.00
Humberside	£62.75	£61.25	£60.55

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 2.—United Kingdom: Cattle, £21.76 per live cwt (−0.01). Sheep, 38.6p per lb EDCW (+0.7). Pigs, £4.10 per SCLW (−0.06). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 23.0 per cent, average price, £21.60 (+0.01). Sheep numbers down 12.2 per cent, average price 38.7p (+0.7). Pig numbers up 11.3 per cent, average price, £4.05 (−0.07). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 15.5 per cent, average price, £23.28 (+0.35). Sheep numbers down 50.1 per cent, average price, 36.7p (+1.0). Pig numbers down 4.0 per cent, average price £3.51 (+0.23).

TEA: The 9,780 packages from Sri Lanka on offer met a more general demand at fully firm rates. A few brighter bons were irregularly dearer. There were 1,440 packages offered from South India. Better teas sold at fully firm rates, but poorer types were lower.

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—In home-produced the demand for brown eggs and the smaller grades is clearing the availability. Large white and standard white have not received the same attention and adequate supplies are available. In imported due to the rate of exchange values on the Continent are higher than home levels, therefore interest continues to be limited.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on trading packer first-hand):

White	Wed-Thur-Fri	Mon-Tue
Large	3.10 to 3.30	3.20 to 3.40
Standard	2.95 to 3.10	3.10 to 3.25
Medium	2.70 to 2.80	2.95 to 3.05
Small	2.20 to 2.45	2.50 to 2.75
Brown		
Large	3.30 to 3.60	3.60 to 3.75
Standard	3.00 to 3.25	3.20 to 3.40

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼%
(Last changed 28/11/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 11 Close 9½
Week Fixed: 11¼-10¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅞	2 months	10⅞
3 months	11	3 months	10⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11-10⅞	3 months	11⅝
3 months	11-10⅞	4 months	11¾
4 months	11-10⅞	6 months	12
6 months	11-10⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11½-11¼	7 months	11½-11¼
2 months	11½-11¼	8 months	11½-11¼
3 months	11½-11¼	9 months	11½-11¼
4 months	11½-11¼	10 months	11⅝-11⅜
5 months	11½-11¼	11 months	11⅝-11⅜
6 months	11½-11¼	12 months	11⅝-11⅜

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11¼-10⅞	6 months	11⅝-11½
3 months	11½-11⅜	12 months	11⅝-11½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11-11½	3 months	11¼-11⅛
7 days	11¼-11⅛	6 months	11½
1 month	11-11⅛	1 year	12⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 11¼-10⅞ Close 11

1 week	11½-11¼	6 months	11⅝-11¾
1 month	11-10⅞	9 months	11⅝-11¾
3 months	11⅛-11⅜	12 months	11⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 11⅝ 6 months 11⅞

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SWIRE MERGER

Shareholders of Swire Pacific and Swire Industries have approved by a substantial majority the proopsed merger of the two companies.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar generally closed moderately lower in yesterday's subdued currency trading.

Sterling hit a record rate of trade-weighted depreciation at mid-session, at 30.3 per cent, but the rate improved to 30.2 per cent at the close, unchanged from the previous evening.

The pound closed steady against the dollar at $2.0205, down just 5 points on the day.

The dollar declined slightly to 2.6140/55 marks from 2.6145/60 overnight, to 2.6580/95 Swiss francs (overnight 2.6650/70) and 4.4420/40 French francs (4.4480/4500).

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) December 2	Market rates (close) December 2
New York	$2.0185-0230	$2.0200-0210
Montreal	$2.0385-0490	$2.0475-0485
Amsterdam	5.40-43fl	5.40½-41½fl
Brussels	79.40-80f	79.50-70f
Copenhagen	12.31-34k	12.32½-33½k
Frankfurt	5.27-30m	5.28-29m
Lisbon	54.30-70e	54.40-60e
Madrid	120.10-50p	120.25-45p
Milan	1376-82lr	1377-79lr
Oslo	11.17-20k	11.17½-18½k
Paris	8.96-9.00f	8.97½-98½f
Stockholm	8.87-91k	8.89-90k
Tokyo	610-20y	614½-16½y
Vienna	37.20-60sch	37.35-45sch
Zurich	5.36-41f	5.36½-37½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, unchanged at 30.2 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.85-.95c prem	2.40-2.30c prem
Montreal	.35-.25c prem	.90-.80c prem
Amsterdam	3¼-2¼c prem	9-8c prem
Brussels	45-25c prem	120-100c prem
Copenhagen	5½-6½ore prem	20-18ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	10½-9½pf prem
Lisbon	15c prem-45c prem	40c prem-60c prem
Milan	4½-3½lr prem	9-7lr prem
Oslo	5-4ore prem	13-11ore prem
Paris	4½-3½c prem	10-6c prem
Stockholm	5-3ore prem	11½-9½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	75-50gro prem
Zurich	3¾-2¾c prem	10½-9½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 0.9863-66.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5-5½; seven days, 5¼-5½; one month, 5¾-6¼; three months, 6¼-7¼; six months, 7½-8.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $137.85 (an ounce); pm, $139.30.

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Sovereigns (old), $42.50-43.50 (£21.00-21.50) (new), $43.50-45.50 (£21.50-22.50) (international).

Bank Base Rates

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First London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster ..	11%
Rossminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

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135	90	Henry Sykes	135	—	4.9	3.7	9.0
61	18	Twinlock Ord	24	—1	0.9	3.8	5.9
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	53	—	12.0	22.6	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	61	—	4.5	7.4	11.8

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Half year unaudited consolidated results

	FFI GROUP* 6 months to 30 September 1975	1974	Year to 31 March 1975	ICFC** 6 months to 30 September 1975	1974	Year to 31 March 1975
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Profit before provisions, interest and taxation	23,550	14,176	29,728	10,007	9,514	19,930
Profit of industrial subsidiaries (1)	1,486	677	1,704	1,486	677	1,704
Share of profit of associated companies (1)	1,095	278	705	1,095	278	705
	26,131	15,131	32,137	12,588	10,469	22,339
Provisions (2)	2,610	5,250	23,611	1,845	5,055	22,845
Operating profit before interest payable (ICFC March 1975 loss)	23,521	9,881	8,526	10,743	5,414	(506)
Interest payable	20,303	11,220	25,778	7,966	7,996	19,277
Group profit before taxation (September 1974, March 1975 loss)	3,218	(1,339)	(17,252)	2,777	(2,582)	(19,783)
Estimated tax	558	194 Cr	4,032 Cr	843	839 Cr	4,462 Cr
Group profit after taxation (September 1974, March 1975 loss)	2,660	(1,145)	(13,220)	1,934	(1,743)	(15,321)
Minority interest	98	221 Cr	1,161 Cr	71	221 Cr	7,312 Cr
Group net profit (September 1974, March 1975 loss)	2,562	(924)	(12,059)	1,863	(1,522)	(8,009)

*Finance for Industry Ltd and its subsidiaries including Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation Ltd, Finance Corporation for Industry Ltd and Finance for Shipping Ltd.

**Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation Ltd and its subsidiaries.

NOTES:

(1) INDUSTRIAL SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES
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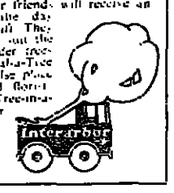
(2) PROVISIONS FOR LOSSES AND DIMINUTION OF MARKET VALUE
In accordance with the Group's accounting policies, provision has been made in the half yearly accounts against loss arising from doubtful investments. It is the practice in the annual accounts to write down where necessary share and property investments to their estimated value. No further provision for this purpose would be required on the basis of market prices and conditions ruling at 30th September 1975.

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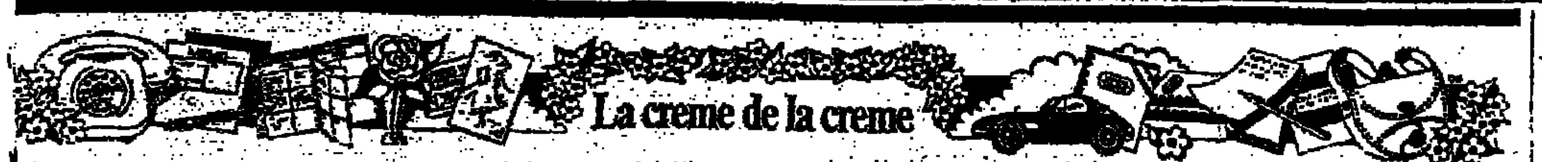
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News. 6.00, Nationwide.
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The Superstars.
8.10 Softly, Softly: Task Force.
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variations (BBC 1):
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10.35 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00-11.25, Play School.
7.05 Trade Union Studies.
7.30 Newsday.
7.55 Twiggy.
8.30 Arena: Art and Design.
9.00 Face the Music.
9.30 Moll Flanders, with Julia Foster, Kennem Haigh, Ian Ogilvy.
11.10 Newsnight.
11.25-11.30, David Davis reads "What Mattered", by Edmund Leo Wright.

Thames

10.30-10.45 am, Table Tennis. 12.00, Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 pm, Pipkins. 12.30, Mr and Mrs. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, About Britain. 3.25, Looks Familiar. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Sooty. 4.50, Boy Dominic. 5.20, Out of Town.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This Is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 Film, Our Man Flint, with James Coburn, Lee J. Cobb, Gila Golan, Edward Mulhare.
10.00 News.
10.30 Mid-Week Match.
11.25 Help!
11.30-12.30 am, Barnaby Jones.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, Night Gallery. 11.55, Frank Wilson.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Take Kerr. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Survival. 7.00, Thames. 11.25-12.25 am, Boney.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Thames. 11.25-11.55, UTV Profile.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 11.25, Southern News. 11.35, The Odd Couple. 12.00, Weather. Guideline.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.18, Report Wales. 6.30, Three Little Words. 7.00, Thames. 11.25, The Protectors. 11.55, Weather. HTV CYMRU WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.25-4.50, Rhifeddodau. 6.01-6.15, Dydd. 11.25, Into the Unknown. 12.25 am, Weather. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

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Border

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Untamed World. 1.00, News. 1.20, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 3.25, Shirley's World. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, The Protectors. 11.55, Border News.

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Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, Police News. 11.30, Prayers.

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Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Sabar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, Thames. 11.25, Late Call.

Tees

[illegible]hames. 2.00 pm, Women [illegible]0, Thames. 5.20, Today. [illegible]ws. 6.00, Today. 6.35, [illegible] 11.25, Chess Masterpieces. [illegible]ilogue.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, Liberal Party political broadcast. 2.07, David Hamilton.† 4.30, D.L.T. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, The News Huddlines. 7.30, How the West Was Sung.† 8.02, Command Performance.† 8.02-9.30, League Cup Special (1,500m). 9.02, Sing Something Simple.† 9.30, All-Time Hit Parade.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† 9.02, Harry Carpenter.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jean Challis.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.05, Jean Challis (1,500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: J. C. Bach, Handel, Avison, Purcell.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice: Part 2, Bacarisse, Albeniz, orch Arbos.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Chopin.† 10.00, Dumfries Organ recital: Bach, Peter Naylor, Robin Orr.† 10.30, Beethoven Songs.† 11.05, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Part 1, Grace Williams, Brahms.† 12.10 pm, In Short. John Rushby-Smith. 12.20, Concert: Part 2—Dvorak.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Concert: Mozart, Mendelssohn, Xenakis, Poulenc.† 2.00, Victor de Sabata conducts Wagner, Debussy, Verdi. 3.05, Melos Quartet of Stuttgart: Part 1, Bach, transc Mozart, Hindemith.† 3.40, Words: R. W. Burchfield. 3.45, Concert: Part 2, Schubert.† 4.35, Johann Strauss concert.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from Magdalen College, Oxford. 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Wegweiser. 7.00, Ensemble. 7.30, Heinrich Schlusnus (song recital): Schubert, Giordano, Mahler. 8.00, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Part 1, Witold Lutoslawski.† 8.25, The Arts Worldwide. 8.40, Concert: Part 2, Lutoslawski.† 9.05, Harold Pinter performs his play Monologue. 9.20, Concert: Part 3, Walton.† 10.15, Scientifically Speaking: Professor Steven Weinberg. 11.05, Cimarosa.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, The Year in Question. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Home to Roost. 11.30, Play, On the Battlements. 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Top of the Form. 12.55, Weather.

1.00 pm, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, Everybody's Got a Quid. 4.00, News. 4.05, The Twilight of Old Warsaw. 4.35, Story, Victory. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Petticoat Line. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.25, Labour Party political broadcast. 7.30, It's Your Line: 01-580 4411. Equality for Women, with Betty Lockwood. 8.30, Sir John Betjeman. 9.00, Keith Lectures, America and the World Experience: fourth talk: The Dark Continent of Technology. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime. The Little Ottleys. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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BUCK.—On 29 November, 1975, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Angela (nee Hancock) and Roger—a daughter (Arabella).

GOATLY.—On 25th November at St George's Wood, Haslemere, to Elspeth (nee Guin) and Robert Goatly—a daughter (Kate Helen).

LAWRENCE.—On November 27th, to Michelle (nee Molin) and Graham—a son (Richard Graham).

MacIVER.—On November 27, at Southampton General Hospital to Victoria (nee Sergeant) and Angus MacIver—a son (Nicholas Gordon).

MEJIA.—On December 1st, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Virginia (nee Tyler) and Carlos—a daughter.

SCARLETT.—On 24th November at Northwick Park to Amanda (nee Harding) and Graham—a daughter (Natasha Lisa Marie), a sister for Harriet.

SKRINE.—On November 25, to Richard and Julie (nee Fletcher)—a son (Charles Walter Douglas), a brother for John.

STEWART.—On Nov. 30, to Elizabeth (nee Julland) and Robert Stewart—a son (James Edward).

TREBLE.—On December 2nd, in Melbourne, Australia, to Jenny and Stephen—a son (Benjamin John).

TYRELL-KENYON.—On November 29th at home to Sally and Lloyd—a son (Alexander Simon).

WINTERTON.—On November 29th, in Truro to Michael and Elizabeth (nee Elson)—a daughter (Helen Elizabeth).

WERMIG.—On 29th November to Carol (nee Hugh) and Rodney—a daughter (Rosanna Patricia).

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BIRTHDAYS

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MARRIAGES

POWELL : BROWN.—On November 29, 1975, at St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham, Stephen David Powell to Diana Elizabeth Brown.

DEATHS

BLANDY.—On 30th Nov, 1975, peacefully after a long illness at Thames Bank Nursing Home, Goring, Oxon, William Edward Moran Blandy, late of Berroc Brook, Bucklebury, Berkshire, aged 88 yrs. Funeral, Bucklebury Church, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th December. Flowers to Cyril H. Lovegrove, Trinity House, 114-116 Oxford Rd, Reading. Tel.: 52016.

COWLEY, JOHN ALAN.—On November 29, 1975, peacefully, at Crosby, Isle of Man, dearly loved husband of Sheila (nee Macaulay) and father of Susan and Sarah.

DUNBAR.—On Saturday, November 29th, 1975, at Greenbank Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, Joseph Henry, aged 76, husband of the late Theodora, father of Pamela Gill of Dart Cottage, Postbridge, Yelverton, Devon. Funeral at St. Michael's Church, Chenies, Buckinghamshire, on Friday, 5th December, 1975, at 3 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Messrs. J. Peddle Funeral Directors, Rickmansworth by 10 a.m.

HENDERSON.—On December 1st Magnus Reg. Funeral Brighton College Chapel, 3.45 p.m., Friday, December 5th. No flowers. Donations British Heart Foundation.

HUDGELL.—On December 1st, 1975, suddenly, Maurice, of Seaford. Dearly loved husband of Joyce and beloved father of Barbara and Peter. Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday, 9th December, at 11 a.m. No flowers please but donations may be sent to the R.N.L.I. 553a High Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

HUGHES.—On December 1st, 1975, Edward Douglas Gwynne, suddenly, at 19 Circus, Bath, dear husband of Bunnie and father of John. Funeral service at Christ Church, Bath, on Monday, December 8th, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Haycombe. No flowers, please, but if desired donations may be sent to Bath District Nurses' Association.

INGLETON.—On December 1st, Florence Muriel, at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, loved sister of Doris and devoted friend of the Barker family. Funeral service at Wanborough Parish Church, on Thursday, 4th at 1 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers to be sent to Messrs. Hillier, Victoria Road, Swindon.

LATHAN.—On 1st December, 1975, peacefully, at home, Gertrude Nell (Trudie), in her 89th year, beloved mother of Dorothy and Braith and devoted Granny and Great Granny. Please, no letters or flowers.

LUDLOW.—On December 2nd, 1975, Alice Maud, daughter of the late Sir Henry Ludlow. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Hertford, on Friday, December 5th, at 2 p.m. Flowers to H. Fentiman and Sons, 25 Church St., Hertford.

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MORGAN.—On December 1st, 1975, Harold Morgan, M.C., of Willoughby, Waterleys, Leicestershire, formerly of Norwich, the beloved husband of the late Gwen. Funeral service private. No flowers or letters, please.

OWEN.—On November 30th, peacefully after many years of painful incapacity borne with uncomplaining courage Lilian Owen, of 257 Church Hill Road, Cheam, beloved wife of Thomas Charles and mother of Jean. Funeral at Cheam Parish Church, 1.45 p.m., December 5th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

PERKINS, REGINALD VICTOR BURY, Lieutenant-Colonel, T.D.—Of The Old Shop, Lamyatt, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, peacefully passed away on 30th November, aged 79 years. Funeral service at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday, 5th December, at 11 a.m. No flowers, please.

PERTH.—On Saturday, 29th November, peacefully, Dr Rudolph Egmont, father of Francesca and Finlan our Daddy. Loved by Anne. Cremation Golders Green Crematorium, Monday, December 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 132 Freston Road, London, W.10. Tel. 727 0130.

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RILEY.—On 29th November, peacefully, at Carlisle Infirmary, Jessica Isabel Maureen, aged 69, widow of Peter Miles Riley and mother of John (deceased) and Dick Robertson. Requiem mass 12 noon on Tues., 9th Dec., St. Boniface's Church, Cullompton, Devon. Flowers V. J. Welland, Uffculme.

SCOTT.—On Dec 1, 1975, at St. John's Home, St. Mary's Road, Oxford, Agatha Mary Scott, aged 86 years. Funeral on Friday, December 5th, requiem, 11.30 a.m., at St. John's Home. Burial service 12.15 p.m., St. Mary and St. John Church, followed by cremation. No flowers, but if wished, gifts to St. John's Home.

SITTERS.—On 2nd December, at Guildford, Kathleen Margaret Sitters, widow of the Rev P. H. S. Sitters, formerly of Belgrade and Cape Town. Service at Guildford Crematorium 3.30 p.m., on 5th December.

SMITH, NORMAN PATRICK GARDINER, aged 53, of 5 Chelondale, Harwood Grove, Shirley, Solihull, peacefully, on 24th November, 1975. Dear husband of Alexa and beloved father of Helen and Sylvia. Will always be in our thoughts.

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VINER.—On November 30th, peacefully, at home, 11 Ettrick Road, Branksome Park, Bournemouth, Rose, after a long illness, beloved wife of Emile. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing husband, daughter Thelma, son-in-law Sam, grandchildren, sister Beatrice Palestrant, relatives and friends.

WALTERS, JILL PENELOPE.—On 29th November, suddenly, at Chatham, beloved wife of David and dear mother of Andrew, James, Philip, Jan and Stephen. Funeral at Royal Dockyard Church, Friday, 5th December, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations to Help the Aged, 8 Denman Street, London, W.1.

WHITE.—On 1st December, suddenly, Jimmy (A. C.), dearly loved husband of Odette, of Montauroux, France. Retired from Midland Bank Head Office at Poultry, London.

WILSON.—On November 27th, 1975, at Horton General Hospital, Banbury, Rev. Canon B. D. Lloyd Wilson, aged 88. Beloved father of Orma Collin of Hook Norton and Jean Gorvett of Sanderstead.

WILD.—On Monday, 1st December, 1975, in a nursing home at Lytham and of Sandilands, 211 Clifton Drive South, St. Annes, Henry Cecil, the beloved husband of the late Muriel and much loved father of Tony, David and Celia and beloved brother of Rosalind, Leslie and Roland. Service Fairhaven Parish Church, Lytham, Friday, 5th December, at 12 noon prior to cremation Park Crematorium, Lytham, 12.30 p.m. If desired donations may be sent to Cancer Research, care of Mrs. Bamber, 30 Westby Street, Lytham. Flowers and inquiries please to J. and A. Porter. Tel. Lytham 5423.

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HORSLEY.—The funeral service of the late Muriel Ward Horsley, of 17 Castle Gardens, Dorking, will take place on Friday, December 5, at 3 p.m., at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex.

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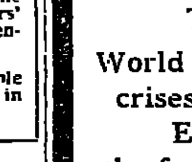
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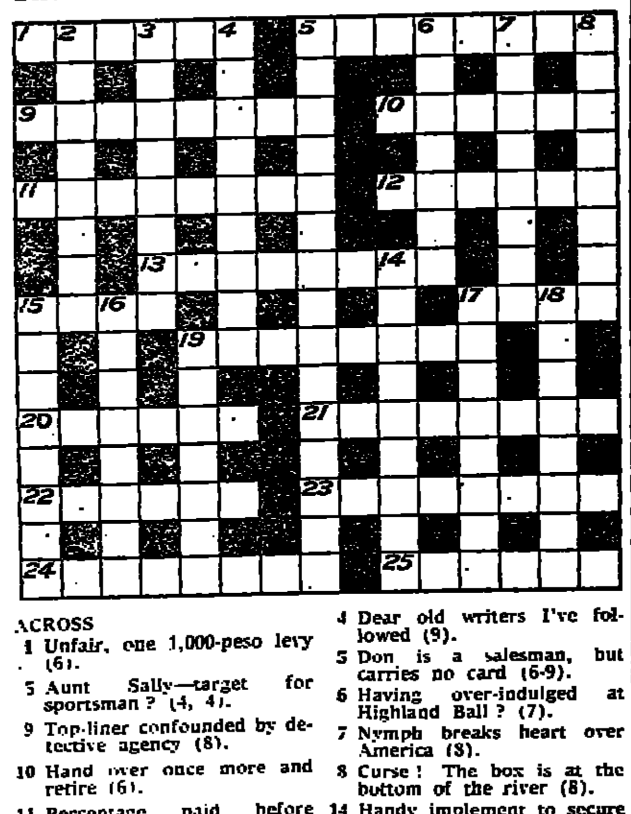
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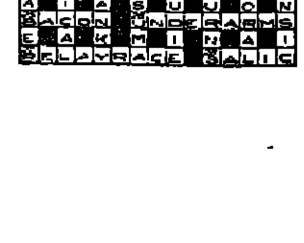
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ACROSS
1 Unfair, one 1,000-peso levy (6).
5 Aunt Sally—target for sportsman? (4, 4).
9 Top-liner confounded by detective agency (8).
10 Hand over once more and retire (6).
11 Percentage paid before settling to study dance (8).
12 Success comes to a girl this way (6).
13 Indicating work for the bricklayer (8).
15 Dirty state of ship from Maine (4).
17 But for husband, more than half the sausage (4).
19 Putting fizz in the drink, Russell has his share (8).
20 Wandering naked, student in Cumbria (6).
21 Making a joint thrust (8).
22 In France, wind has no bearing on this valve (6).
23 Sign of amusement at missing man's homicide (8).
24 The stories he tells! Arrant nonsense, nothing right (8).
25 Inclined to be well-off (6).

DOWN
2 My French bird is a beast! (8).
3 Excels in the matter of spinners (8).
4 Dear old writers I've followed (9).
5 Don is a salesman, but carries no card (6-9).
6 Having over-indulged at Highland Ball? (7).
7 Nymph breaks heart over America (8).
8 Curse! The box is at the bottom of the river (8).
14 Handy implement to secure trophy of chase (4-5).
15 5 dn is one, I hear. Good shot! (8).
16 Is she in step with the Royal Society? Maybe (8).
17 's not footwear, you say? You're wrong (8).
18 Compete with Pole seen in trouble with an Austrian (8).
19 State of Welsh lake raised by a university type (7).

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